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FRENCH RECOGNITION OF PEKING REGIME LIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, June 12.—Reports that France intends shortly to recognise the Communist Government of China in Peking have been circulating recently among diplomats.

The issue gained importance since France would certainly vote in favour of the Communist delegates for China in the Security Council once she had granted recognition.

The speech of M. Chauvel, the French delegate to the United Nations, given before leaving Paris to take up his appointment as ambassador in New York, is being interpreted as a hint that France will soon recognise the Peking Government. There have been other signs. In a recent interview, M. Mollet, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, was pressed to admit that the French Government's recognition of Peking was another question to be settled on another plane.

It is well known that France had prepared the way to recognise the Peking Government almost at the same time as Britain. This recognition was slightly delayed in order to coincide with the British and American recognitions of the regime under French sponsorship in Vietnam.

ALIENATED

But by the time the Anglo-Saxon Countries had decided on this recognition, the Communists of China had deliberately alienated the French Government by their movement of Ho Chi-minh and requisitioned the property of the French Embassy in Peking itself.

The reasons behind this deliberate alienation of French opinion are as mysterious as all Communist diplomacy. The best supposition is that the Chinese are acting under Russian influence in accordance with the resolution of the Far Eastern Conference.

During last winter, the Russians were most eager that China's new government should not find an easy route into international diplomacy and the United Nations through recognition by Western powers.

Certainly, until Mao Tse-tung returned from his talks with Stalin, Soviet Union wanted to be new China's only friend. Hence, apparently, the manoeuvre to prevent recognition by France.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

According to private information here, dealings between the Chinese in Shanghai and a leading French bank in the Far East have recently been suddenly reopened.

The small French business community trading with China is now adopting much the same attitude of optimism as was taken by the British business community a year ago. They want to try their hand in Communist China to see whether they cannot obtain better relations than either of the big western powers.

It is hard to see how France can logically look for the inclusion of the Communist Chinese delegate in the Security Council without formally recognising the Peking Government.

But France would, in fact, die the same time as recognising the United Nations and avoiding giving encouragement to her Communist enemies in the war in Indo-China. It is this last consideration more than any other which delays French recognition of Peking which may not occur immediately.

She Told His Fortune

Paris, June 12.—Juliette Platta, a fortune-teller, told the judge today that the read in the cards a few weeks ago that her husband would receive a serious head injury. That probably was why, she explained, she struck him with a wooden club.

She was ordered held for examination.—United Press.

"Good Old Winnie!"



Mr. Churchill at Windsor earlier this month when his Canyon Kid won the first race. Picture shows Winston chatting with his jockey in the paddock before the race. (London Express Service).

Central Figure In Amerasia Case Refuses To Talk

Washington, June 12.—Philip Jaffe, central figure in the notorious 1945 Amerasia stolen documents case, today refused to answer Senate questions about the affair and was promptly threatened with possible prosecution for contempt.

The Russian-born New York greeting-card manufacturer, who pleaded that his answers might incriminate him, also refused to say whether he had ever been a Communist.

He appeared before a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee today to answer questions about the case against the State Department.

The acting committee chairman, Theodore Green, who called the 45-minute session "most futile," immediately ordered the committee to draft a report on the possibility of successfully pushing contempt action against Jaffe. Senator Green said subcommittee members would decide whether to take action against Jaffe on the basis of Mr. Morgan's report. He added that Jaffe had even refused to say whether he had appeared before the "runaway" Grand Jury investigating the Amerasia case.

Jaffe was represented by two lawyers, O. John Rogge, formerly of the Justice Department, and Herbert Fabricant. After the hearing, Mr. Rogge said his client had been examined by the committee but might be recalled later. Jaffe refused to discuss the case with newsmen, either before or after the session.

Senator Green said one question witness refused to answer concerned Owen Lattimore, Baltimore professor and principal target of the Red charges hurled against the State Department by Senator Joseph McCarthy.

"WHITEWASHED"

The Amerasia case involved the theft of hundreds of secret military and diplomatic papers which were found in the New York offices of the magazine Amerasia, a publication, now defunct, on Far Eastern affairs. Six persons were arrested, but only Jaffe and Emmanuel Laroche were penalised, the former being fined US\$2,500 and the latter \$500.

The Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee, investigating charges that the case was "whitewashed," called Jaffe in an effort to clear up the mystery, Senator Green said, "however, that witness answered only a few elementary questions."

British Labour Party Rejects Idea Of European Union

London, June 12.—The Labour leaders for the first time today openly rejected current schemes for the complete political and economic union of Europe.

It turned down any idea of taking part in a European Parliament with legislative powers, and in effect repudiated British participation in any European experiment not founded broadly on Socialist principles.

The policy statement—contained in a 3,500-word booklet entitled "European unity"—is expected to create controversy, both in Parliament here and in the Council of Europe when its Consultative Assembly meets in August at Strasbourg. Close co-operation with Asia and America for the benefit of European peace and prosperity, was urged.

The document dismissed the idea of a neutral European "third force" to stand between the United States and Russia.

Published only a few hours before the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, was able to make a statement of Government policy on the Schuman Plan for merging European heavy industries, the Labour Party's manifesto greeted the plan as "a critical challenge which the Socialists will be the first to welcome."

But it asserted that "any industrial concerns in European planning should be subject to the 'British direction' in their own country," and later stated, "Joint planning means nothing unless the industries in each country are required to fit their investment programmes into a European plan."

Labour Party is convinced that nothing less than public ownership can ensure this fully.

At a press conference on the pamphlet, a Cabinet Minister, Mr. Hugh Dalton, who will lead the British delegation in Strasbourg, declared that the pamphlet's reference to "public ownership" should be taken as applying only to Britain.

The pamphlet said that unless industrialists were to take on certain obligations in an international organisation, there would be no means of carrying them out.

HESTITATIONS Main hesitations which have been evident in Labour's approach to proposals for integration in Europe are clearly brought out in the manifesto.

They are: (1) That Britain's special relationship to, and dependence on, the Commonwealth and the Sterling Area must be taken into full account.

"The economies of the Commonwealth countries are complementary to that of Britain to a degree which those of Western Europe can never equal."

(2) Any schemes which would retard or reverse Socialist planning or achievements in social welfare would be difficult to accept on the grounds of political doctrine and would be unlikely to bring peace or prosperity in practice.

(3) Arbitrary surrender of sovereignty to a super-national authority—whether in the Schuman Plan or in the political field—of the Council of Europe is both undemocratic and unwelcome without a clear definition of the responsibilities of that authority.

TRADE BARRIERS The statement rejected schemes for the sudden dismantling of trade barriers. Over a short-term period this would cause serious dislocation, unemployment, and loss of production, it asserted.

But it declared "Socialists would welcome a European economic union which was based on international planning of full employment, social justice and stability."

"America alone at present commands the resources needed to support the development of world unity in its early stages." "Close co-operation with Asia and America is vital to Europe's peace and prosperity." The policy statement has been issued with the authority of the Labour Party's National Executive Committee. It has still to be endorsed in October by the Party's national conference.—Reuter.

ANOTHER ANGLE ON 70 PLANES

From Our Own Correspondent

London, June 12.—Mr. Walter Fletcher, M. P., will suggest in a question he is putting to the Foreign Secretary on Wednesday that the 70 planes at Kal Tak airport should be held as security for debts owed by the Chinese Communist Government.

Mr. Fletcher implies in his question that since the planes have been adjudged the property of Peking Government as rightful successors to the Kuomintang Government, the debts of the Kuomintang Government should also be borne by the Communist Government. So that money owing as compensation to Britain for the riots in Canton in 1948 should now be paid by the Peking Government. The planes should not leave Kal Tak until the debts are paid.

Locust Plague In India

New Delhi, June 12.—Screaming clouds of locusts swarmed in millions over central India today in columns four miles long and thick enough to slow a railway train. The government, anticipating a further invasion from the west, ordered jeeps, trucks and trains loaded with poison to fan through the area to combat the pests and save crops.

Passengers arriving by rail at Jabalpur said their train was "buffeted about" by two swarms three and four miles long and 80 feet thick. They said it took the speeding train ten minutes to "tunnel through" the swarms as the locomotive slipped on the tracks made slippery by masses of the insects crushed beneath the wheels.—United Press.

Darjeeling Cyclone

Calcutta, June 12.—Landslides caused by a cyclone killed 13 people in the tea garden city of Darjeeling on Saturday and Sunday, according to wireless reports reaching the West Bengal Government today. The reports said that 25 houses had been destroyed and that troops and police were helping the townsfolk in rescue work.

The storm cut off all telephonic and telegraphic communications between Calcutta and Darjeeling, summer capital of the West Bengal Government, 300 miles north of Calcutta.—Reuter.

Gen. Smuts Has Quiet Day

Pretoria, June 12.—Field-Marshal Jan. Christian Smuts spent a quiet day today after a restless night, but his physicians said his condition remained serious. Doctors remained in attendance throughout the night at the bedside of the famous statesman, who is suffering from sciatica and a pneumonia attack. Mrs. Smuts is the only member of his family permitted to visit the sickroom.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Penetrate The Veil

RADIO Hongkong has just been greeted with the most singular, though presumably quite unintentional compliment that we can recall. Not that there was anything particularly subtle about it. Rather the other way round: the declared resolve of the Communist coterie in Peking to set up equipment in Canton and other parts of China for the purpose of jamming broadcasting stations, Radio Hongkong being specifically mentioned as among those selected for interference. What the Colony has done to deserve this special treatment remained undefined, and for those versed in local radio affairs it is far from easy to appreciate. Were things as they should be, certainly, it might then be regarded as a welcome contrast to the bitter growls which occasionally emanate from the odd listener—and as a further stimulus to entering heartily into competition. Unfortunately, no shade of self-satisfaction can be regarded, even remotely, as justified. Getting back to an old subject, the deplorable inability of the Colony's transmitter at Hunghom to penetrate the veil, not because of jamming, but because of its trifling output capacity, places the Communist threat into the category of the ludicrous. To stop Radio Hongkong from influencing minds behind the Bamboo Curtain, the Communists do not need a highly expensive installation in Canton. They can sit quietly back and hope that those responsible for deterring efforts to cultivate effectively the Voice of Hongkong by assembling a powerful long-range transmitter, remain in the position to dictate. Existing equipment has a propaganda value outside a fifty-mile limit which varies from negligible to nil. Whether that state of affairs will be perpetuated

is, perhaps, a different story. Cable and Wireless, today responsible for maintenance and technical improvement of all the Colony's tele-communications systems, presumably have some voice in the councils which guide policy, and enjoy a reputation for keeping pace with the times. More important, there is growing awareness of urgency, a keener perception of the opportunities Hongkong has missed, of what Hongkong's place in the scheme of things should be if she were doing her job in this particular niche of the globe. No centre can compare with this Colony in facilities for knowing what is going on over the border, and where rebuttal of Communist propaganda is deemed essential, it is fair to assume that none is better served by experts in dialectical colloquialisms. Singapore is too far away to serve efficiently the democratic cause by putting over the truth at crucial moments. In short, the stepping up of transmission power by Radio Hongkong's station to the region of fifty kilowatts is long overdue, should be treated as a project of the highest priority. Now that Peking is talking openly of a scheme, at great cost to itself, or to Russia which has developed first-class jamming instruments, seeking to prevent reception of the high-powered stations of the United States, as well as Hongkong, the more reason to make it, shall we say, worth their while. Behind this thought is not weariness in the knowledge that several Communist radio stations are regularly pouring news and musical programmes into the Colony, with no prospect at present of our putting the record straight, but the conviction that the greatest barrier to Communism is enlightenment. We should be doing our part.

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WOMANSENSE



Emphasis on plaids and pleats in London's big Fashion Fortnight

LONDON.

A record number of overseas buyers have come to London for the annual Fashion Fortnight. Over two hundred have arrived, and during their two weeks here they will see furs, coats, suits and fashion rainwear. They will attend textile displays, exhibitions of jewellery, model millinery and shoes.

Those who arrived early were able to see the famous Chelsea Flower Show. Those who have any spare time during their crowded two weeks can watch the Trooping of the Colour on the King's Birthday, the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court, and the Royal Horse Show at Richmond.

Those who stay longer in Britain can go to Royal Ascot—the most fashionable of all race meetings.

Apart from the special events planned for the buyers, all the model houses are showing their ranges at the same time, and the most representative collections so far seen was that of Marcus. Theirs is typical of the trend in London at the moment—a feeling for pleats and plaids.

SIMPLE CHARM

The main points from the show were: Envelope-pointed pockets; elbow-pointed sleeves; pleated overskirts; horizontal tucking; gold and black printed ottoman and grograin; and double fastening on coats and suits.

A neat cocktail outfit called appropriately "Debutante" consisted of a short jacket and skirt in black ribbed satin. The blouse was of coffee-brown satin, with a stiff white collar, and flowing black chiffon tie. The inside of the jacket was lined in Regency style, with gold and black striped satin.

REFORMATION

At last we seem to have completely emerged from that dim era when all colours were "muted" and all shades "subtle." Brilliant electric and kingfisher blue, grass green and raspberry, cinnamon and yellow ochre are worn, often emphasised by a chiffon tie in startling contrast.

The other dress is in taupe wool, a soft mid-brown shade, almost khaki in appearance. This is a plain dress that relies for attraction on a loose pleated panel and pleated bow falling over the belt. This panel is an immense fan shape when lifted, and gives a graceful movement to the skirt.

FLAP POCKETS

Flare plaids, in all shapes, were there. Coat-tracks with flap pockets and deep box-pleats are again making their appearance, and soft caramel browns are becoming as popular as black as navy. One plaid dress has colours in it ranging from cream to chocolate—very flattering for an older woman who cannot take unadorned black.

The most becoming dresses of all were those with a straight tight skirt, and finely pleated overskirt. Sometimes the overskirt almost met at the back, showing a row of buttons down the skirt. In other dresses, the pleated overskirt was wrapped round finishing with an asymmetrical curve on one side. In all cases, they gave the dress a distinguished look, and a decidedly expensive look!

A colour that is soaring to the top of the fashion chart is petrol. This is a soft blue shade, not grey, not ultramarine, but somewhere between the two.

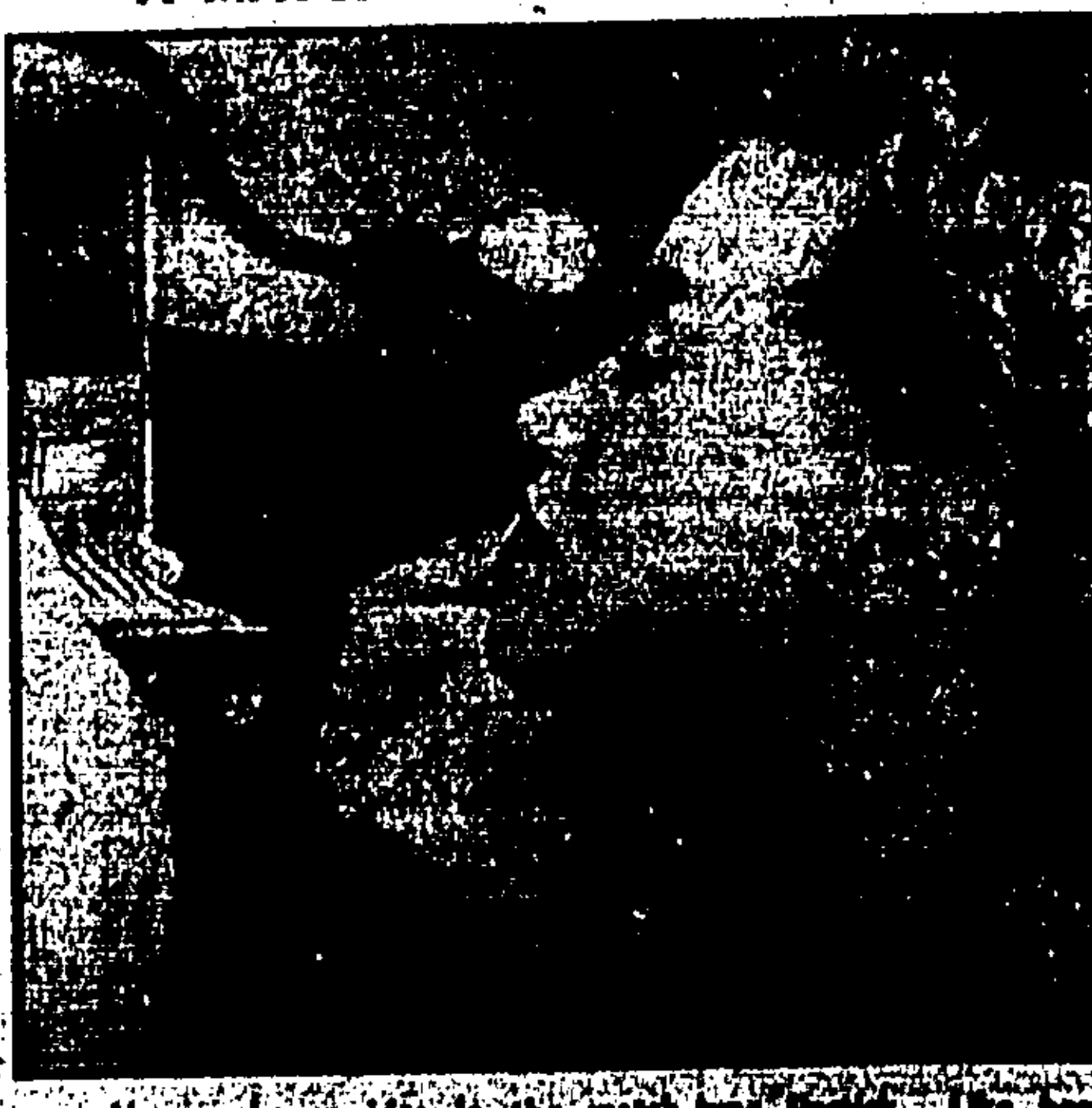
SEVEN-EIGHTHS

Three-quarter length jackets, and others that were almost seven-eighths, are superseding the hip-length flared jacket. One outfit in cherry and green checked jersey had a double-breasted coat with deep patch pockets. Beneath it was a jumper suit with knitted sleeves, and a knitted turned back.

It had the effect of a waistcoat worn over a long-sleeved sweater—without the bulk this would necessitate.

Quite the most beautiful town dresses seen for a long time were in black ottoman (ribbed silk); or grograin, printed with a gold design.

A MATCH FOR YOUR MAKE-UP



New make-up looks in the match-type picture. The look matches in appearance they come complete with make-up in shades of 12 and 13. Matched with new...



Left, plain dress, in taupe wool, that relies for attraction on a loose pleated panel and pleated bow falling over the belt. This panel is an immense fan shape when lifted, and gives a graceful movement to the skirt.

Right, fine grey wool crepe dress, horizontally tucked from neck to hem. Contrary to popular supposition, it does not make the wearer look bulky. The wide flat tucks have a slimming effect on a person of normal proportions.

Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Start off with a big breakfast

"YOU notice Madame," remarked the Chef, "the people down here in Richmond, Virginia, like a good substantial breakfast."

We were in the coffee shop of the John Marshall Hotel looking over the menu card. Before we had a chance to decide on our order the waitress brought two demi-tasse cups of sparkling black coffee.

"A charming custom," remarked the Chef, "as he sipped his coffee. But look at the breakfast dishes, they are substantial enough for luncheon or even dinner."

"It's in keeping with modern dietetics, Chef, that the first meal of the day should be substantial."

"Ah, Smithfield ham, eggs any style, old Virginia spoon bread, cinnamon toast. You wish to have that, Madame, only?"

"Suppose you order it, Chef. I'll have the fried apple and bacon. Let's both have the spoon bread. We might start with grapefruit, and finish with cinnamon toast with our last cup of coffee."

At coffee we were joined by Mr. Gerald Taylor, executive Chef of the John Marshall Hotel.

"We always serve spoon bread," he said. "It's a specialty of the house. Made from water ground whole cornmeal ground right here in Virginia in those little country mills. That's the secret of its fine flavour."

"And what's the secret of the fluffy texture?" I asked.

"Just before we put the spoon bread in the oven, we fold in some beaten egg whites mixed with whipped cream," he explained.

"And this Smithfield ham? I already know it's a specialty of Virginia," remarked the Chef. "It is very tasty. How do you cook them to get out the excess salt, Monsieur?"

"We cook them overnight, then we par-boil them for an hour in the same water. Then we bake them 45 minutes in a pound, at 350 F. An hour before they are done we skin the hams, and cover them with a rich brown sugar sauce. Then we put them back in the oven until glaze forms."

Slice of Ham
"Do you ever broil a slice of raw Smithfield ham?" I asked.

"Not often, it's too salty; so usually we broil the cooked ham. If a customer insists on it, we sear the raw ham first with boiling water, and then broil it. The fried apple and bacon that you ordered, Mrs. Allen, is a typical Virginia breakfast dish. We use good firm unpeeled tart cooking apples; cut the apple in bite-sized chunks, and fry it until barely tender in a little bacon fat. Just before it's done, we sprinkle served very hot with bacon, and corn bread or blintz."

"Another favourite here is a fish breakfast. Salt mackerel and salt roe herring, are the

most popular. Both of these fish are soaked overnight to get out the excess salt. We boil the mackerel slowly, and dress it with a butter sauce. The roe herring we sometimes broil, sometimes fry. Some people order hashed creamed potatoes to eat with them, others like spoon bread."

Dinner
Onion Soup Pickles
Virginia Spoon Bread
Broiled Ham Slice
Parsnip Patties
Escalloped Tomatoes with Carrots
Southern Ginger Bread
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Virginia Spoon Bread
Measure 1 1/4 c. water ground (or enriched) cornmeal into a large bowl. Stir in 1 tsp. salt, 2 tsp. flour, 3 tsp. baking powder and 4 tbsp. butter or margarine. Stir in 1 pt. boiling water. Then add 1 qt. heated milk. Beat 1/2 c. cream light. Add 2 beaten egg yolks and mix. Fold in. Transfer to an oiled 2-qt. baking dish and bake uncovered 50 min. In a moderate oven, 375 F. Serve warm. Enough for two meals. Reheat in a slow oven.

Parsnip Patties
Boil or pressure-cook 2 lbs. parsnips. Drain and plunge into cold water when the skins will slip off easily. Mash the parsnips, add 3 tsp. butter or margarine, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1 tsp. flour. Cool and shape into flat round cakes containing 1 tbsp. each. Roll in flour and fry on both sides on griddle or heavy frying pan. Bacon fat when used for frying gives an excellent flavour.

Escalloped Tomatoes With Carrots
Boil or pressure-cook 1 lb. young tender carrots. Butter or margarine a 3-pt. baking dish. Open 1 (No. 2 1/2) tin solid pack tomatoes. Add 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1/2 tsp. ground clove. Put a layer of the tomatoes on the bottom of the dish; add a layer of the cooked carrots sliced, 1/4 c. fine-crumbed bread then one of tomato, and continue until the dish is filled. Dot with bits of butter or margarine, and cover with a thin layer of fine dry bread crumbs moistened with melted butter or margarine. Bake from 30 to 40 min., in a moderate oven, 375 F.

Southern Ginger Bread
Stir 1/2 c. butter or margarine until creamy with 4 tsp. sugar and 1 whole egg. Cream until fluffy. Then add 1 c. molasses. Sift together 3 1/2 c. enriched flour, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. cinnamon and 2 tsp. ginger. Add alternately to the first mixture with 1 c. boiling water. Transfer to an oiled 7 in. x 11 in. baking pan and bake in a moderate oven, 350 to 375 F. about 35 min., or until it shrinks from the sides of the pan and is golden brown on top. Serve warm with raisin sauce.

Bride's Satin and Net



By PRUNELLA WOOD

Tailored Women

THIS bridal gown is handsome and dignified as any given it, and its skirt is daytime length. To be sure, an overskirt of white cable net reaches the toes in front, and behind sweeps out into a very grand train indeed. There is no trimming at all for the bodice; even buttons and cuffs are of the satin. But the net overskirt is tufted with rolled white chenille appliques and the white satin pillow has its tulle veil attached by a cluster of the chenille rosettes.

Haberdashery Sparkles

By JOAN DALE

HABERDASHERY WEEK. Oilskin household aprons, in bluish yellow or red with gay white spots can be bought and washed make-up bands—so useful for keeping cream and powder out of your hair.

The motorist will find something to interest him, too, as spoke brushes for cleaning his car, and for the gardener there are fine hammocks and outside 2ft-wide garden brooms. Latest-fashion narrow pastel belts.

For men there are some interesting new trunks and vests in a pale blue material which has great elasticity and doesn't need ironing, made up to suit sizes.

Rubber play aprons, with a big front pocket full of coloured chalks, will keep a baby clean and occupied for hours. In two sizes.

WHAT NEXT?



TELEVISION fans in the area of London saw Frances Day singing and chatting from a suds-filled bathtub during a programme. The cameras conveniently faded out when Frances jumped behind a screen to dry herself. (Acme)

P.O. Doesn't Like Woodpeckers

In their fight against the tap-tap of the green and greater spotted woodpeckers, who cause considerable damage to the six million or more telegraph poles scattered throughout Britain, the engineers of the General Post Office are pinning their hopes of final victory on silencing the hum of the overhead wires.

Some time ago they had a conference with experienced bird fanciers, who suggested that in their search for suitable nesting sites the woodpeckers had mistaken the humming of the wires overhead in a slight breeze for the activity of wild bees they thought were deep down in the cracks of the poles.

Checks were made on a number of "noisy" poles and after season they were found to have been systematically attacked by the woodpeckers, who are partial to wild bees time after time. A few of the poles were so badly pecked that they had to be replaced with new ones.

Similarly, tests were made with the silent variety of poles, and it was seen that these had been untouched by the woodpeckers.

ON INCREASE

Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Essex were the areas suffering most from the depredations of the woodpecker, so the research engineers got busy. Lead strips were lapped spirally over the first ten inches of wire and over the insulators between each pair of posts. The result was that the familiar humming sound was eliminated and the poles ignored by the birds.

The experimenters, however, are risking no premature hails of victory. For the last few years, green woodpeckers have been on the increase, suitable rolling trees as havens for wild bees and nesting sites for the woodpecker have decreased, so that, humming or no humming, the woodpecker may be driven to further onslaughts on telegraph poles. But the P.O. engineers are hopeful of ultimate triumph.

NESTING HOLE

The woodpeckers search every spring and summer for old timber, preferably dead or rotten, and hawks out a nesting hole. Often they express a particular preference for certain telegraph poles by regular pecking, resulting in holes often with openings up to four inches in diameter and as deep as eight inches. P.O. engineers had for a long time been puzzled at the appearance of these scars, but it was not until 1932 that woodpeckers were found to be responsible.

Bamboo Trees Are Thriving In Cornwall

(By Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, June 2.

A small advertisement in a Cornish local newspaper early in the war was the first step in the building of an industry which today holds out the promise that Britain will shortly be able to grow all the bamboo it needs, making it independent of the Chinese market.

The advertiser was Mr F. Nettleinghame, a Cornishman, and the story of the development of the British bamboo industry really began when he bought a property known as St Benet's Abbey, in his home county. Part of the estate was devoted to a roadhouse business, while the rest, on which a good deal of bamboo grew naturally, was turned into a nursery.

The war killed the roadhouse business almost before it had started. Disheartened, Mr Nettleinghame decided to sell what he could of the chattels on the estate and quit business altogether.

It was while he was inspecting his assets with a view to disposing of them that he remembered the bamboo, which he had had the foresight to divide up and plant out. He looked around for a buyer, but found nobody who was willing to take the lot. He did, however, receive many orders for canes that were cut to specified lengths.

HUGE MARKET

The orders he received convinced him that there was a huge and permanent market. But he had enough bamboo trees—indeed, there were enough bamboo trees in the whole country—to satisfy this demand? The advertisement, seeking permission to cut down other people's bamboo trees, was just the first step.

The advertisement yielded heartening results. Bamboo trees can be a nuisance in a garden, and many people in the West Country were only too glad of the offer to take them away. But at first Mr Nettleinghame was only interested in buying canes—the acquisition of root stock came later.

"There are perhaps 30 species of Bambusa that grow well in England," Mr Nettleinghame told me. "Several of them are

more decorative than useful. The dwarf variegated one is an instance, and the Bambusa palmata is another. We once bought a clump of what was held out to be Bambusa fastuosa from a leading firm in such matters. They stated it would grow 25 feet in a year. We hoped more from it. If it did grow 25 feet in a year, it did it downward, for above ground it died fastuosa!"

"But since we went into cultivation seriously on a large scale we have laid down many groves of fastuosa, and have grown canes 25 feet high and two inches in diameter. We have a number of other varieties that will produce longer canes up to 30 and 33 feet, but two inches diameter represents the fastest."

Mr Nettleinghame accounts for this limitation on diameter by the fact that there are no root stocks of the thicker varieties of bamboo in this country. But if they were imported, he believes they would grow just as high and thick as they do in their native ground.

FANTASTIC

Mr Nettleinghame is extremely vocal in the praise of bamboo as a commercial proposition.

"The value per acre of canes compared with timber seems fantastic," he said. "The incremental value of canes per acre is astronomical. At perfection of cultivation, 25,000,500 half-inch canes could be grown to the acre. Even without intensive cultivation we do not expect to achieve that number. We shall be satisfied when we reach 10 percent of it. That means two and a half million canes an acre, and in some of our early plantings we are in measure of achieving this figure."

Despite the virtual closing of the Chinese market, there are still large stocks of Chinese canes in this country, but they are rapidly being drawn upon. Users of canes have become accustomed to buying only Chinese canes that they tend to look upon the British product with a certain amount of suspicion, and one of Mr Nettleinghame's hardest jobs is to persuade them that British canes are equally as good as those from the East.

OFFICIAL TESTS

Official tests have shown that British canes are as strong as those from China—it is, Mr Nettleinghame claims, just a matter of re-educating the user to accept this fact.

Of the future, he says: "There is not the slightest difficulty in permanently supplying this country with all the garden canes it needs and canes for many other purposes. We can grow in this country all canes used with the exception of the rattans and malaccas and any truly tropical cane. We could also build up a useful exporting business."

Homesick Horse

This is the story of a Danish horse whose homesickness probably killed it.

Carl Thomsen, a small-holder from the island of Laeso in the Kattegat, bought a horse on the Jutland mainland. Early one morning his wife was watering the horse when the animal bolted.

For days the horse was hunted in vain until a fisherman found the corpse drifting at sea. The owners thought it had tried to swim the 20 miles from Laeso to Jutland, where it was born.

SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS



THIS is an airview of the almost completed US\$22,500,000 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Veterans' Administration Hospital at Peekskill, New York. Consisting of 37 buildings on 383 acres, the hospital will have facilities for 1955 patients. (Acme)

She never diets



This Is No Mere Fad Or Fancy

Noticeable fashion among officers of all ranks of the United States destroyers Hawkins and Meredith, which recently tied up at Leith in Scotland on their "showing the flag" tour of duty—a duty usually carried out in troubled times almost solely by Britain—is the wearing of massive heavy signet rings set with a large stone. It is a fashion, too, among the Army officers.

This is no mere fad or fancy, but a tradition of the United States Forces. Every officer who graduates from a naval or military academy of the United States has one.

On one "shoulder" of it is worked the crest of the officer's Academy. On the other shoulder is the crest of the particular class graduating each year which is designed by a class committee, but the stone is left to the choice of the individual. Popular stone is the spinel—a stone coloured like a sapphire. Rarely is the diamond sported, for the setting has room for a gem about the size of a threepenny piece.

Careful scrutiny of the crests will reveal the inscription of the magic number 25, the pass mark in the American system of grading officer cadets. Top mark is 4.0. The rings are presented to the wearer a year before graduation, and he who fails is required to return his.

The ring is first worn by the midshipman at the "Ring Dance," a most formal affair occurring 12 months before commissioning. He takes his best girl to the dance and she wears the ring round her neck on a ribbon.

A KISS SEALS IT

The couple enter the ballroom through an eight feet archway designed as a replica of a ring. Nearby is a ship's binnacle containing samples of water from the seven seas. The girl removes the ring from her neck ribbon, dips the ring into the water, then slips it on to the midshipman's finger and seals the act with a kiss. This is quite a serious traditional ceremony every U.S. naval academy midshipman must go through.

While he remains a classman he wears the ring with the class crest pointing nearest his heart. On commissioning he turns it round so that the Academy crest takes the position. No American officer worthy of the name or of his commission ever gives away his graduation ring, nor does he go out without wearing it.

The design is popular in miniature, as an engagement ring when these men contemplate marriage, but very much in miniature unless the girl is rather partial to wearing something like a knuckleduster.

PAGING THE DOCTOR

Starting soon, the New York doctor will always be at his patient's call even when he is at the theatre or playing golf. He will be reachable through a new short-wave radio service.

Each doctor will be given a code number. And every time he is wanted urgently, a transmitter will broadcast his number at least every minute. The doctor will carry a pocket-sized radio receiver which will pick up the broadcasts within a 25-mile radius of New York.

When he is "paged" the doctor will then just have to telephone headquarters and find out which patient is worried over his symptoms.

"Teenicide" Charge

The kind of reckless driving that has been described as "teenicide" caused the arrest of two 14-year-old boys. The arresting officer reported:

"One was driving and the other was in the back seat. The driver opened the door on the right side of the car, climbed on the running board and got into the back seat. At the same time the boy in back opened the left hand back door, walked on the running board to the front door and took over the driving. It was a continuous merry-go-round, one change after the other, and all at a speed of about 30 miles an hour."

The boys were turned over to juvenile authorities.

BLAME TV

Next term all the pupils of Cleveland (Ohio) schools will be kept in an extra hour. They will be expected to do the homework they no longer do at home because of TV during this hour.

Lord Mayor Again Has To Reply

London, June 6.

The Lord Mayor of London has found it necessary to reply for the second time to criticisms in the press of the National Thanksgivings Fund which he launched two months ago.

The Fund, whose object is to build 22,000,000 overseas students' centres in London as an expression of gratitude to the Commonwealth and the United States for help received during the war, continues to arouse controversy in Britain.

In a letter to the Daily Telegraph this week, the Lord Mayor answers criticisms voiced recently by one of the leading columnists of that paper. This writer, he says, had conveyed the impression, first, that the Thanksgivings scheme had been devised by the Government and that the Government had pressed it upon him; second, that the Fund's progress was unsatisfactory.

"Nothing could be further from the facts," said Sir Frederick Rowland, the Lord Mayor.

PROCEDURE

What the Daily Telegraph columnist actually said was this: The timing of the Fund and the buildings upon which it was proposed to spend "have led to more criticism than I can recall in connection with any other Lord Mayor's Fund. This has affected subscriptions. Stirred by these criticisms, the Lord Mayor, I hear, made a significant disclosure at a recent City dinner. The Thanksgivings Fund, he said, was a Government idea which he had been asked to put into action."

To this, Sir Frederick pointed out that it was common knowledge that (apart from where a sudden disaster was concerned) no Lord Mayor launched a national appeal except on the advice and request of the Government. That procedure, he said, had been followed in the present case.

And he added: "But I cannot sufficiently emphasise my entire and wholehearted agreement with the Fund's purpose and objects."

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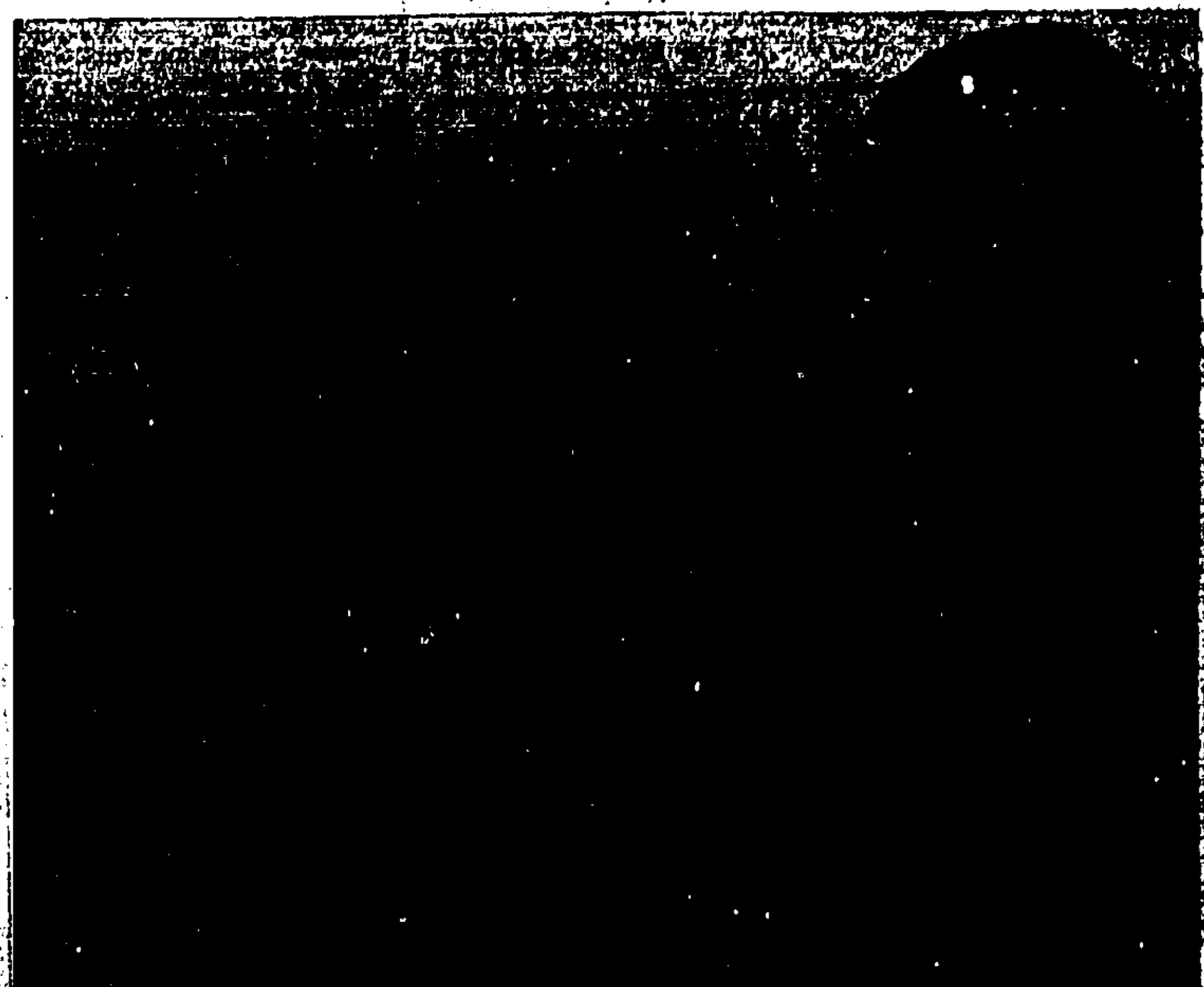
To the suggestion that the Fund's progress was unsatisfactory, the Lord Mayor said that the figures that were available and had been published—the latest figure was just over £200,000—related only to amounts received by him direct at the Mansion House. They did not allow for the fund-raising activities which were taking place on an increasing scale locally throughout the country.

The Lord Mayor ended his letter with these words: "I cannot sufficiently stress the essential consideration, which is that the response to the Fund should be such as to leave no doubt in the minds of our generous benefactors overseas that their outstanding kindness, often shown at great sacrifice, is deeply appreciated by all of us and will for ever be gratefully remembered."

Dot and Carry

A Jersey cow belonging to a Danish farmer recently fractured a front leg. As the cow was valuable for breeding purposes, the vet decided to amputate. The animal has since been provided with a wooden leg and is apparently quite happy.

THEY'RE FAST FRIENDS

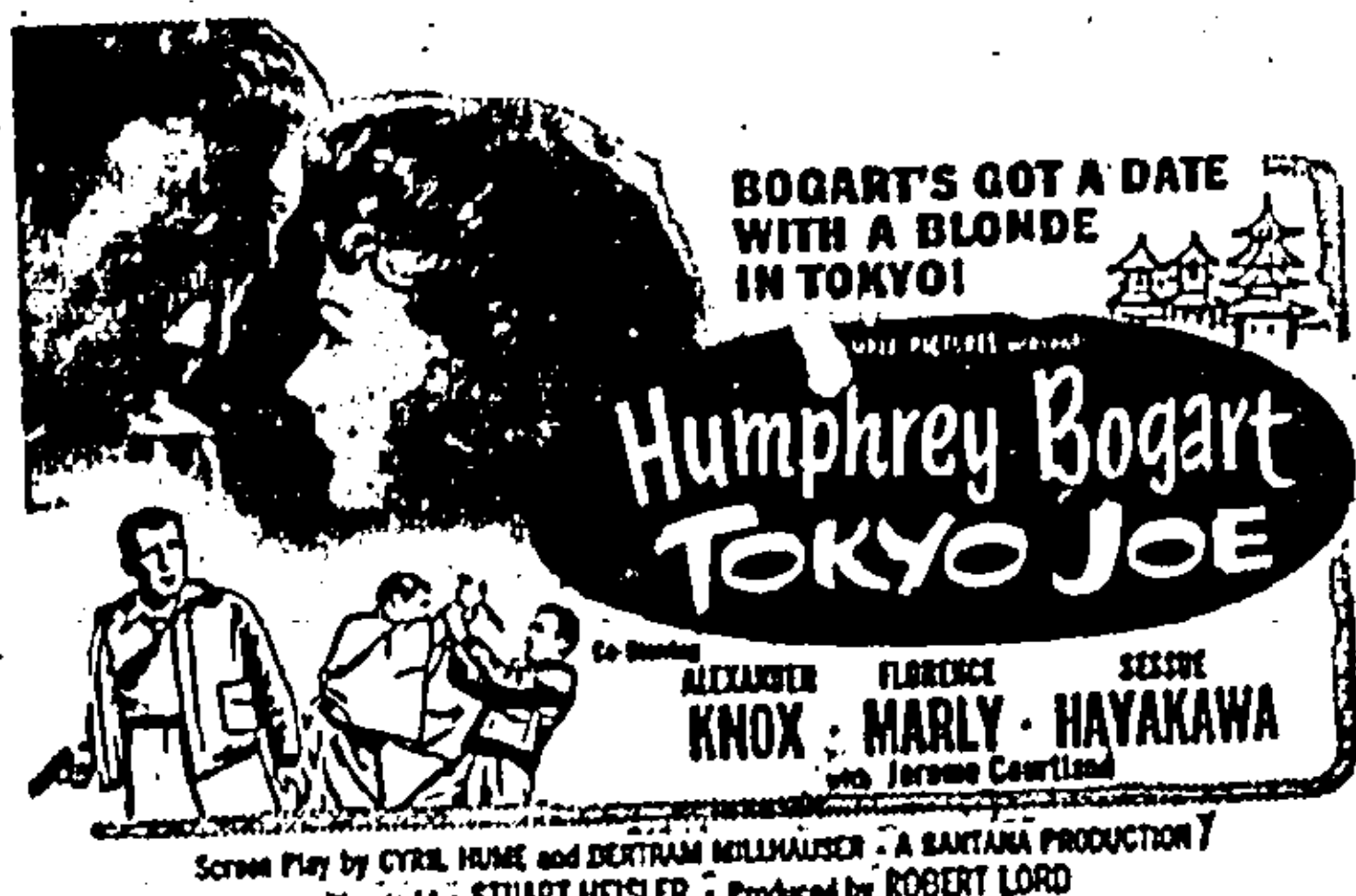


TINY and PETE, the boys who have become fast friends since the cat's mother was shot while raiding the airport commissary at North Bay, Ontario. Pete is giving the Guller family a lively time, but is destined to quieter days of guzzling pop for the amusement of tourists. (Acme)

K. O. CANNON WITH WHISPER IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE



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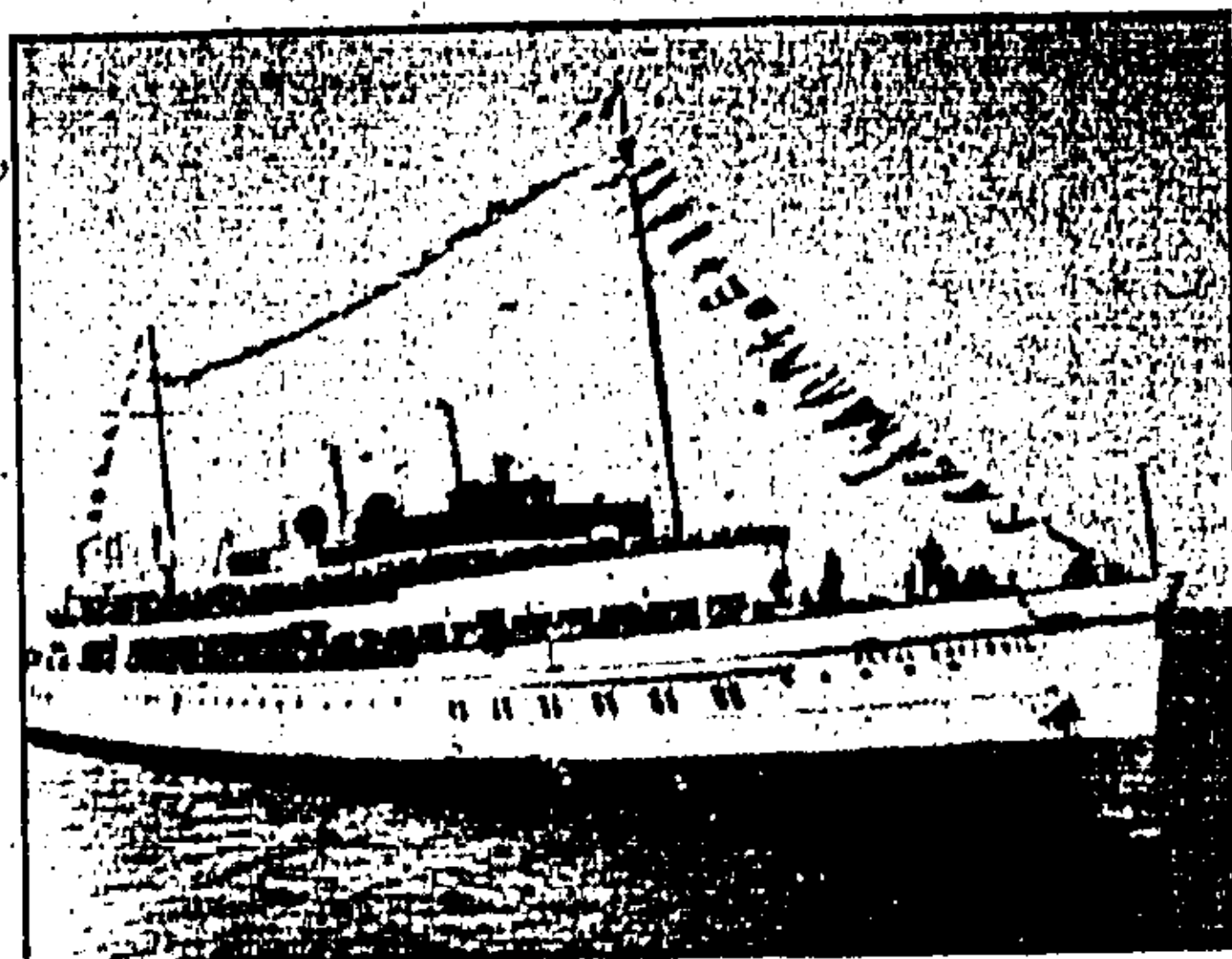
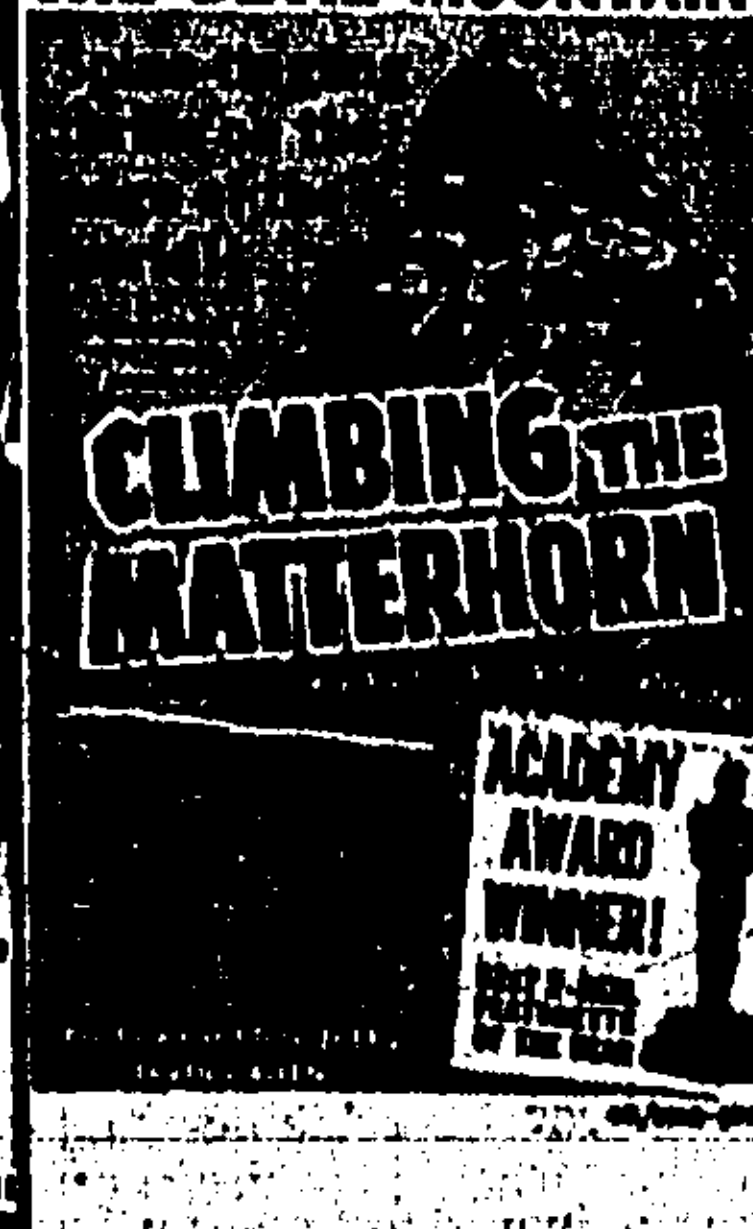
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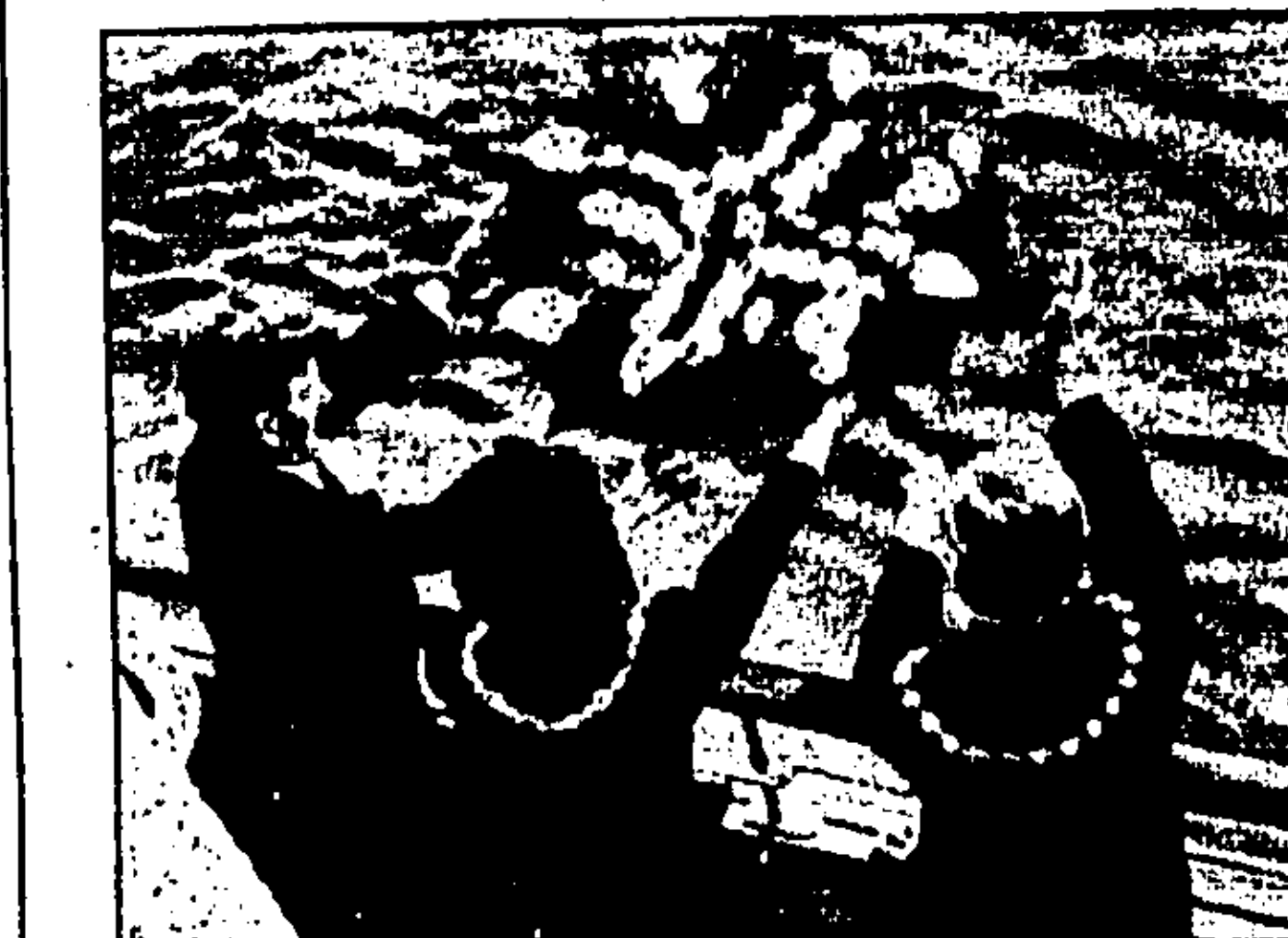
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THE DEVIL MOUNTAIN!


The pleasure steamer Royal Daffodil, which rescued and brought home nearly 9,000 British and Allied troops out of the hell of Dunkirk in 1940, returning to the famous beaches as part of the 1950 celebrations. The Daffodil made seven trips during that memorable week when the fate of the British Army lay in the balance, and was eventually damaged by an aerial torpedo which cut through three decks and entered the engine room. Between 1941 and 1945 she operated on the Stannar-Larne service, and then the Calais Dover leave service for BAOR troops. She travelled 170,000 miles on her war service and carried 2,443,073 Service and civilian passengers.



The ramshackle wooden jetty of Dunkirk from which thousands of troops were evacuated in 1940. Gaps in the structure were made by German bombs.



A wreath of red, white and blue flowers is cast in memory of the men who drowned and died of machine gunning and bombing during the historic evacuation. From right to left: Mr C. B. Hosking, the Mayor of Margate, Miss Hosking, the Lady Mayress, and Mr. Gustave Robelet, the Mayor of Dunkirk.

They went back to the BEACHES OF DUNKIRK but it was Margate which remembered them

By Peter Lovegrove

THERE was low cloud, poor visibility, little wind and a calm sea as the pleasure steamer, Royal Daffodil, neared the sand dunes of Northern France and Belgium. Gradually we could make out the narrow, shabby wooden jetty of Dunkirk, the oil tanks of France's third greatest port, and the surf breaking on the benches of Malo-les-Bains, Bray and La Panne.

The weather was the weather of May 31, 1940—but 10 years to the day had passed. That ramshackle jetty—it sounds better as the East Mole, as the French call it—had not changed much, though the breaches made by German bombs were no longer covered with improvised bridges made out of stretchers. There was not a soul on it: 10 years ago it had been dark with patient men with bleeding feet and smoke-sore eyes.

Night Into Day

NEW oil tanks stood where their predecessors had blazed turning night into day with vivid hungry flames, and day into night with a thick pall of oily smoke. A few children played with buckets and spades. Workmen in blue overalls were putting up beach huts on the sands where long snake-like columns of men had then made great dark fissures leading down to the water's edge, and even jutting into the sea. And the only other ship to be seen, where hordes of midgets, tugs, barges, colliers, motorboats, yachts, skiffs, bawleys, paddle steamers, celboats and waterbuses had helped to snatch 337,000 men from the jaws of imprisonment and death and inscribe the 'Miracle of Dunkirk' in the pages of history, was a bloated rail and car ferry plodding stolidly in our wake.

Even our Royal Daffodil, which made seven memorable trips to these waters and brought back nearly 9,000 men before an aerial torpedo but through three decks into the engine room, had shed her war-paint, and was looking her peaceful, summery best all dressed with bunting, her decks crowded with day trippers.

It was the first time she had been back to Dunkirk, and aboard her were 100 DEF veterans of all ranks and arms, from all walks of life and parts of Britain. They had two things in common: they had lived through that inferno of the beaches and were revisiting the scene of their ordeal, and they had all been evacuated via Margate.

Jetty Of Oars

THERE was Sapper Major D. A. Goldfinch, for instance, then he had been with the 2nd Division in the rear-guard, and spent two days at Malo, where his unit built an improvised jetty of derelict oars. He had left on the Grace Fields and transferred to the Royal Sovereign when Grace went up in flames. He also served in Iceland, Middle East, Persia and Iraq. Today he is architect to the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board.

There was Hugh Duckett, a RAMC dispenser with 2nd Field Ambulance, who got away on a Scottish coaster. After service in West Africa, he has been employed on beach evacuation camps on the Normandy coast. He was later wounded again and captured at El Alamein, as was Gordon Ward, of the 5th Queens.

And James Barnsley, of the 6th King's Own, who swam a hundred yards to a coal barge after his four days' "picnic" at Malo Jack Costin, a corporal in the Royal West Kents, brought home in a minesweeper.

William Bleasdale, 5th King's Own, one of the last to leave on June 2 on a French boat. Ex-RASC Robert Head of Reading, in a wheelchair, for he will never recover from his spinal injury; he now repairs shoes at the Star and Garter on Richmond Hill.

Reg Wenham, of the 7th Royal Tank Regt., who had to transfer four times from boat to boat before he got away. Major W. Harrington MBE, RA, who travelled by the Royal Daffodil herself, 52-year-old Fred Ricklett, a sergeant with the First Tank Brigade, who had dropped few years off his age to go out with the DEF—and a cheerful cock sparrow of a Chelmsford postman, ex-RASC Albert Taylor, now a keen Terrier, whose shoes had to be hacked off his raw feet when he reached Margate.

Moving Talo

ALL these and many others, had a moving tale to tell as the once nightmare scene unfolded again before them and the memories came crowding back.

These men were the guests of Margate, which received 46,000 British and Allied soldiers during that momentous week, and with them on the trip was Mr C.B. Hosking, the Mayor of the Kent seaside town, who cast a wreath in the waters of Dunkirk where men had drowned and died of machine-gunning and bombing as they awaited help.

In the harbour itself, on a rubble-strewn dock still carrying the ravages of war, he handed a casket made of oak from Holy Trinity Church, Margate (destroyed by enemy action in 1943), containing sand from Margate beach, to the Mayor of Dunkirk, who reciprocated with a casket filled with sand from the famous beaches.

Wants To Forget

THIS, incidentally, was the only visible French reaction to our visit. A few idle dock hands lounged about and made signs as the 1,500 Britishers on board the Daffodil cheered and waved. Some children smiled and waved as two coachloads from the ship toured the city. Otherwise, the population stared dully, woefully. Shattered Dunkirk, grim, sad and tired after her hammering in 1940, years of occupation and eight months' siege in 1944-45, was just not interested. She wants to forget her wounds.

It cannot be easy. Her glories—the beautiful Town Hall, the 16th Century Gothic church of St Elci, the historic belfry, and her great museum which can only just be identified by a bomb-splintered facade here, a solitary doorway there and fragments of wall. Half her docks and floating basins are still twisted masses of concrete and steel; sunken ships lie drunkenly on their sides. Only 15,000 of her prewar population of 40,000 have remained to eke an uncomfortable living in American prefabs. Wild grass grows on every ruin, in every street. Only one landmark remains unscathed—the Statue of Victory, set up in memory of the unsuccessful siege by the Duke of York in 1703.

Rejoicing

BUT if Dunkirk looked sombre and unhappy, Margate was gay and rejoicing. The French tricolour fluttered by the side of the Union Jack as we tied up at the pier. The Band of the Royal Marines was there to welcome the Daffodil and her passengers, with detachments from the destroyer Bleasdale, Gunner and Buffs Territorials forming a guard of honour.

And the people of Margate were there too. Many of them had worked night and day a decade ago to make certain that every man who landed received hot drink, food and warm clothing, transporting the wounded and rendering first aid. They had transformed the amusement park, Dreamland, into a casualty clearing station, the concert hall of the Winter Gardens into a first aid post, made a rest centre of the Sunshine Cafe and a huge dormitory of the Ball-room.

10-Year Wait

THEY had not been allowed to welcome the men on the front then, because of the risk of the Luftwaffe attacking the ports of disembarkation. They had to wait 10 years to express their pride and their thanks to them. And on the night of May 31, 1950, with the pier and the seafont a blaze of thousands of lights, with every ship, yacht, and Skyline dressed with bunting, they were there in their thousands lining the route along which the Dunkirk veterans marched to a civic reception.

And those reputedly undemonstrative common men and women of Britain at last gave vent to their feelings. It was a moment which everyone who was fortunate enough to be present will never forget.



Veterans returning to the scene of their ordeal. From left to right: RSM A. Lacey, with the 7th Field Regt. at Dunkirk; Major D. A. Goldfinch RE (in 2nd Division); Major W. Harrington, MBE, RA, of the 10th Field Regt.; and Pte A. E. Taylor, RASC, on the sun deck of the Royal Daffodil.

The Hunt Is On For Jungle Treasure

NEW YORK.

A GROUP of fortune-seeking Americans is trying to raise \$12,000 plus the price of a hover plane to search for a lost goldfield up the Amazon River.

They say the original discoverer, 120 years ago, was an Englishman named Robertson, and the goldfield is "as rich as the Rand."

Robertson, whose first name is not known to the fortune-hunters, returned to England and raised money to develop his find. He died in the ship that was taking him back to Brazil.

But a Jamaican geologist believed he knew the general area of the goldfield. It was in the middle of a "lost world," surrounded by disease-ridden swamps, hostile Indians, waterfalls, and rapids.

The geologist disappeared into this wilderness in January 1947. He came back with maps of his travels, 4 lb. of gold, and a handful of diamonds.

Last October he went into the unknown again. The fortune hunters who are backing him and want to finance a scientific exploration have taken out prospecting licences on 12,500 acres of Brazilian jungle.

British and American authors are selling books to Hollywood again at good prices. Before sailing in the Polish liner Batory for Scandinavia, Brigadier Desmond Young said:

he has sold the film rights of his book "Rommel" for a "quite substantial price." Kirk Douglas is to play Rommel. "I am told they are going to make a superduper, whatever that is," said Young.

ONE CONDITION laid down by Rudolf Bing when he moved from England to New York to manage the Metropolitan Opera was that he could bring along his doghouse, Pip. When Mr and Mrs Bing sail for their first visit home, Pip will go along. But if he entered Britain he would have to go into quarantine. So Pip will go on to Paris and stay with friends.

THE FIRST robot department store has opened in Boston. Nylon, toys, perfume, jewelry, neckties, and baby food can be bought from slot machines. But the gadget industry is not satisfied. It has invented a robot which starts a sales talk when a customer walks through an electric beam at the shop counter.

BRITAIN is moving into Fifth Avenue in quest of dollars.

Sir Norman Kipping, director-general of the Federation of British Industries, announced that a new trade promotion centre is being opened in America's famous street of fashion as soon as partitions and air conditioning can be installed.

NEWELL ROGERS' AMERICAN COLUMN

"A very prominent industrialist" is to be its head, and he will be the personal representative of the Dollar Exports Board.

The Washington staff of the British Export Trade Research Organisation will be moved to New York in line with the organization's recent link-up with the Federation.

And the British Chamber of Commerce in New York will move into the centre, which will be almost opposite the British Empire building in Rockefeller Centre.

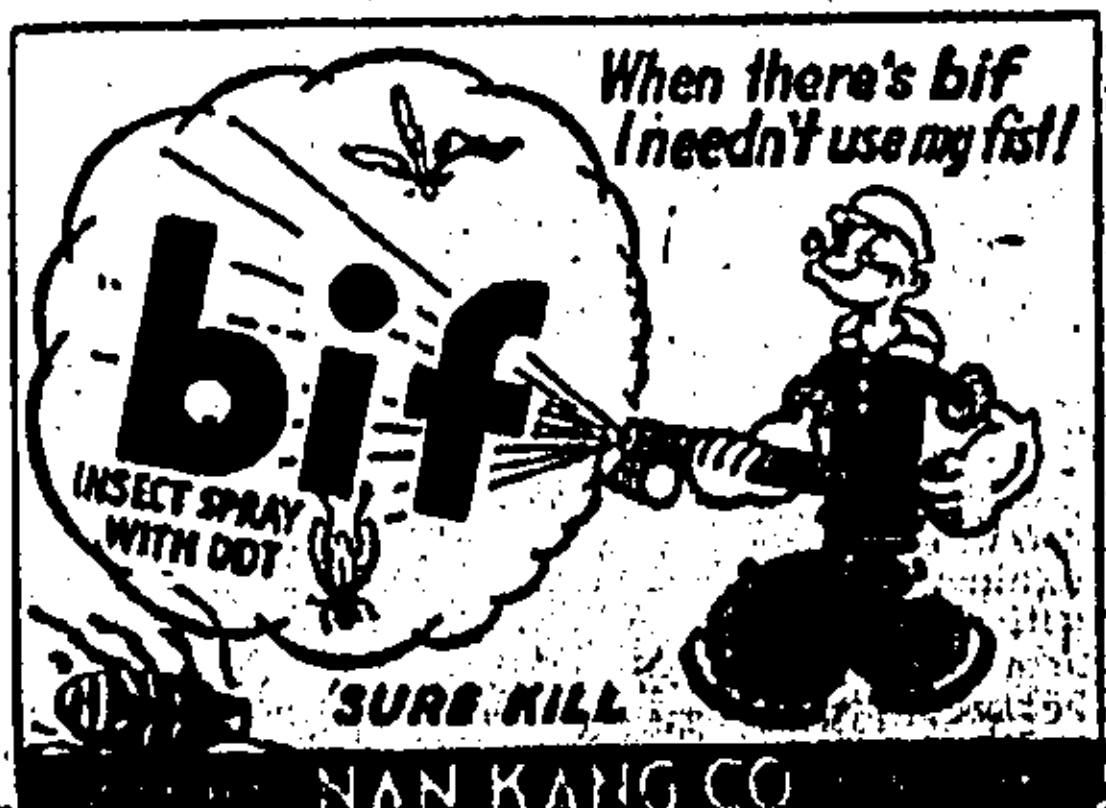
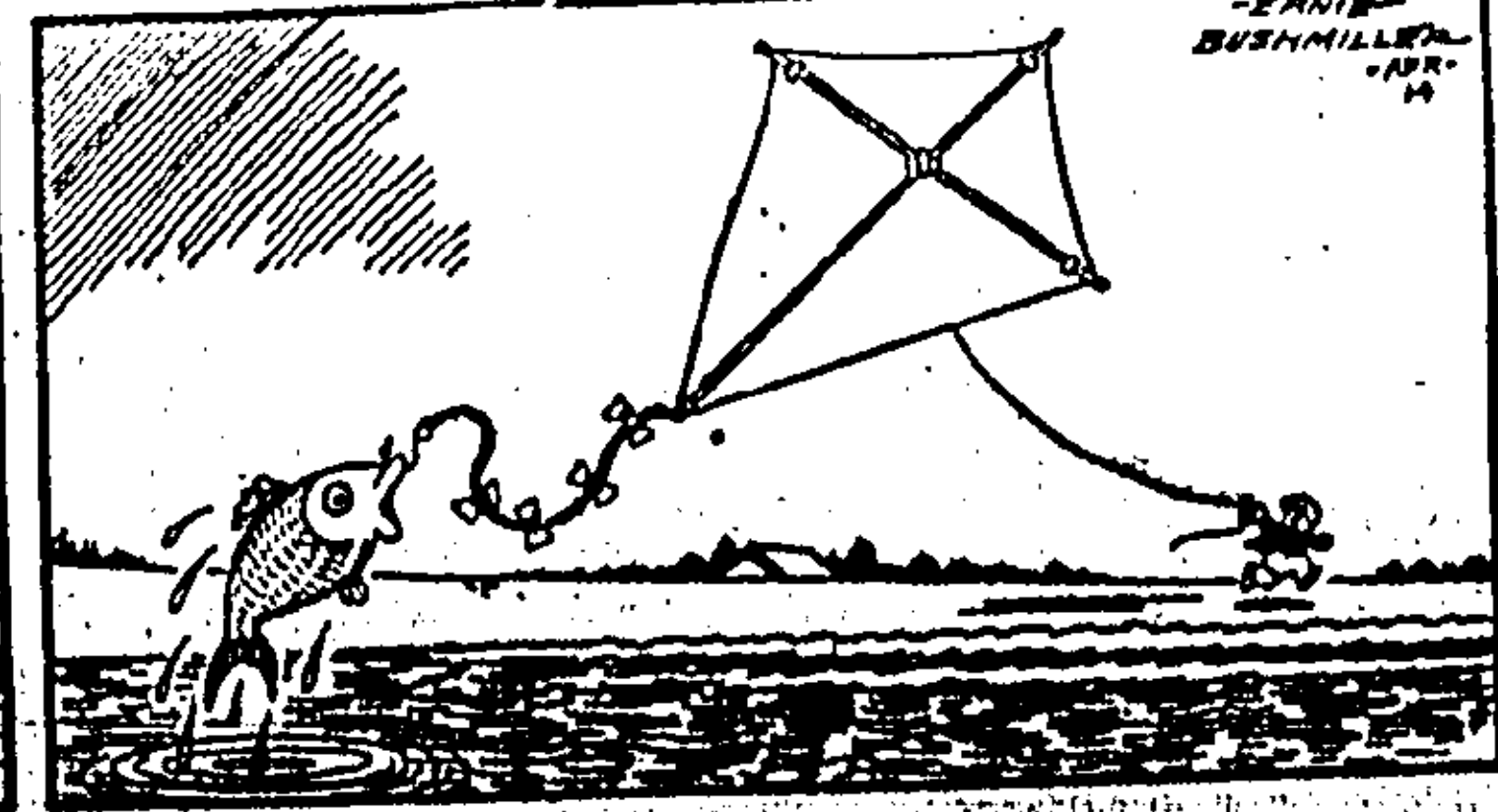
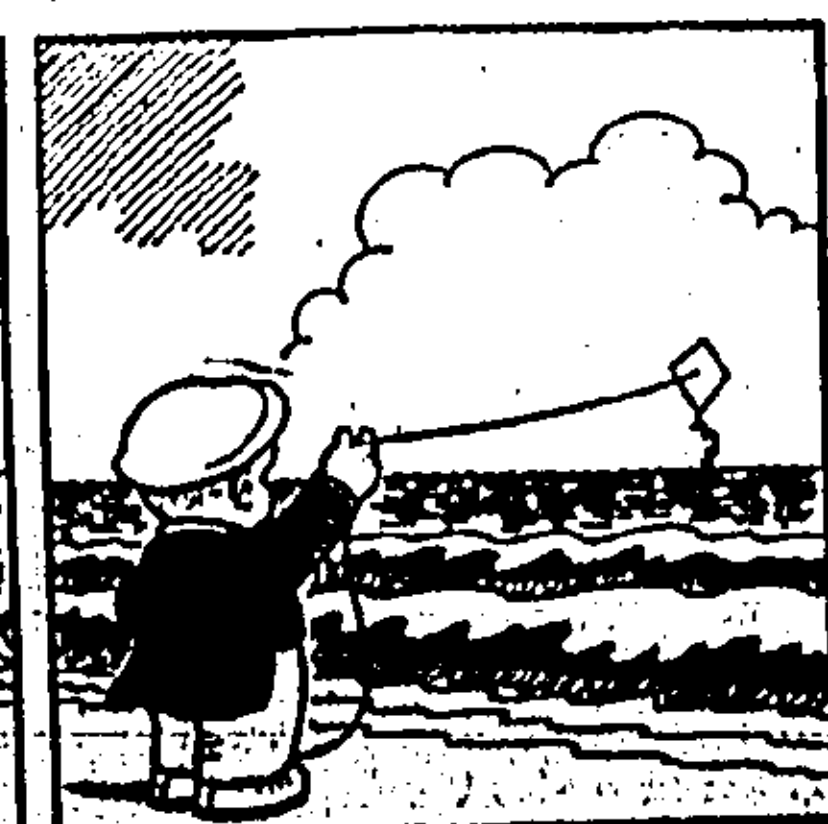
At the centre will be a complete office service for visiting British business men who want to interview American customers.

Secretaries will be on hand to take their letters, and staff will be there to advise on U.S. marketing problems.

The Federation will send over staff from Britain for six-monthly periods to pass on first-hand knowledge of British goods, and take back first-hand knowledge of selling problems in America.

By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY

Hook, Line and Sinker


Warmongering and lying in Western Press

CORRESPONDENT SAYS, "THE LAST STRAW," AND RESIGNS

Big Three Conference In August

Washington, June 12.—The State Department said today that the Big Three Western Foreign Ministers would meet in New York, probably in August, for a follow-up conference on the results of their recent London meetings.

The State Department spokesman, Michael McDermott, said that Mr. Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, would be in New York for the United Nations General Assembly meeting, which convenes in September. The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, will join them for pre-conference talks.

Tentative arrangements for the meeting were made during the Big Three talks in London. Mr. McDermott said there had been no effort or suggestion to bring Russia into the conversations.—United Press.

Youths Break Up Dusseldorf Gathering

Dusseldorf, June 12.—Two hundred blue-shirted Communist youths broke up a rally of Free Democrats at which the former General H. von Manteuffel was supposed to speak tonight.

Carrying a blue flag made familiar during the Berlin Whitehall demonstration, the youths surged toward the platform when Manteuffel, who had been invited to speak, was seated, slugged the speaker with a microphone and forced Manteuffel himself to flee through a rear door under heavy police escort.

The one-time Panzer general was scheduled to speak on "The Generation of the Front," in reference to front-line soldiers during the last war. During the meeting, more than 1,000 persons were present, half of whom seemed to be members of the "Free German Youth" Communist organisation, who came to the meeting in civilian clothes but shed their coats to reveal blue shirts when Manteuffel arrived.

They shouted, "Manteuffel, get out," and "Hang the generals" as they rushed the speaker's platform. Members of the Free Democratic Party, who tried to intervene were hurled aside.—United Press.

Border Clash Near Jammu

Jammu, June 12.—One officer and five soldiers of the Kashmiri State forces were killed yesterday in an exchange of fire with a band of Pakistan troops and about 50 armed Pakistani civilians who, according to reports received here, had crossed into Jammu Province near the border village of Gulabgarh to lift timber.

About 15 "raiders" were believed to have been killed in the encounter, the reports said. The State forces' officer leading the patrol returned the fire and the shooting lasted about four hours.

The bodies of the officer and his five men were brought to Jammu and cremated today.

The incident, which is considered here as a breach of the Indian-Pakistan cease-fire agreement, has been reported to the United Nations observers in Jammu and Kashmir.—Reuters.

Germany's First Step

Bonn, June 12.—The West German parliament is expected to approve this week Germany's membership in the Council of Europe, which the government considers a major step toward a return of Germany to the community of Western nations.

The Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer, conferred with his foreign policy adviser, Mr. Herbert Blankenhorn, today on a statement he will read to the Lower House during the opening debate on the membership proposal.

Dr. Adenauer, who has been at home for two weeks with pneumonia, will leave his sickbed for the first time to plead for approval against strong Socialist opposition. The proposal, already approved by the Upper House, is expected to pass by a sweeping majority when it comes to the vote probably on Thursday.—United Press.

Berlin, June 12.—Mr. John Peet, Reuter's chief correspondent in Berlin, announced today that he "could no longer serve the Anglo-American warmongers."

He made the announcement at a press conference called by Herr Hans Eisler, head of the East German (pro-Soviet) Information Department.

Mr. Peet thus, in effect, severed his connection with the British Press, which he had served as a Reuter correspondent in Europe for the past four years. Speaking in German, he said: "As an investigation journalist, I have become automatically and increasingly a tool of the American-controlled war machine. As an English patriot, democrat and friend of peace, I cannot continue along this path."

Mr. Peet said that the "last straw" was the "lying and warmongering reports in the Western press of the great Whitman Youth peace demonstration in Berlin."

Anglo-American Occupation policies in Germany are aimed at making Western Germany the jumping-off ground for a new war. He assured the conference that he had not been influenced in his decision by Russian money or Central Asiatic truth drugs.

The German staff in Reuter's Berlin Office were taken by surprise when Mr. Peet rang them up from the building of the East German Government Information Service to give them the news of his action.

At today's press conference, which Western correspondents described as a "well-laid-on affair," East Berlin journalists turned up in great numbers and an East German news-reel cameraman was also present.

GRANTED ASYLUM

Mr. Peet told a colleague immediately after the press conference that he had been "granted asylum" by the East German Government, and that he would remain in Berlin to work as a journalist under Herr Eisler.

He said he began negotiations with Herr Eisler directly after the Whitman Rally. He would not return to Reuter's Office or the West side of the town.

Later this afternoon, Reuter's chief representative in Germany, Mr. Alfred Geiringer, spoke to Mr. Peet from Frankfurt on the telephone. Mr. Peet told Mr. Geiringer he had nothing to add to the statement he had made, but went on: "My conversion was a gradual development. It took some time to mature."

He said he kept it a "complete secret from everybody, even my personal friends."

When asked about his family, he said: "It does not matter because I am separating from my wife anyway."

In his press conference statement today, Mr. Peet said that he had been told that Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, the Western Union defence chief, considered that a German Army should be "set up as soon as possible," and that this would "not take very long now."

"LAUGHED SADLY"

He went on: "When I became a Reuter correspondent in 1945, I hoped that, by means of objective reporting from Vienna, Warsaw and Berlin, I could play my small part in helping a peaceful development of Europe and the world."

"At first, in the immediate postwar years, this was to some extent possible, but slowly I discovered that messages which spoke favourably about development, for instance, in the German Democratic Republic, were being suppressed by the newspapers."

"Every Western journalist, if he is honest, can only laugh sadly at the so-called Western freedom of the press. There is a freedom only for the warmongers, and we, the correspondents, are paid to supply the sort of stories that they like."

"But we have no freedom to report truly what is, in fact, going on or to fight for peace. I can no longer supply the warmongers with weapons. Thirteen years ago I went to Spain to fight as a simple British democrat in the ranks of the International Brigade for peace and a better world."

"The democratic forces lost that stage of the fight, but we shall win the fight for peace which is now in full swing."

Mr. Peet declared that he had never been a member of the Communist Party.

NO LOOSE ENDS

Mr. Geiringer added that when he questioned Mr. Peet about his office, Mr. Peet said he has "left no loose ends."

Mr. Robert Peety, Reuter's news editor in Germany—who is based on Frankfurt—also spoke with Mr. Peet, who reiterated that his decision was "not a sudden one."

Mr. Peet was born at Sydenham, London, and is 34 years of age. He comes from a Quaker family, was educated at a Friends (Quaker) school in Yorkshire, where his father, Mr. Hubert W. Peet, was for 17 years editor of *The Friend*, a British Quaker weekly, from which he retired at the end of last year.

Mr. Peet served in the International Brigade during the Spanish Civil War from 1937 to 1939, after which he joined the Palestine police force in 1939, working with the Criminal Investigation Department at Haifa.

He later joined the public Information Office in Jerusalem under the British Mandatory Government, where he was news editor from 1943 to 1945, and was in the editorial control of Radio Jerusalem.

He joined Reuters in 1945 and was assigned a few months later to the Vienna Reuter Office, where he remained for a year before taking up an appointment in the Warsaw Office in December, 1946.

"COURAGEOUS WORDS"

Mr. Peet was in Warsaw until the latter part of 1947, when he was brought back to London for a short period of duty on the London desk before joining the Berlin staff.

He returned to Warsaw in February, 1948, to marry the Countess Christl Oudenius, who then joined him in Berlin.

Mrs. Peet is at present in Vienna.

Mr. Peet resigned his membership of the Society of Friends (a Quaker organisation) several years ago.

A version of the press conference issued by DPA, the West German news agency, said that Herr Eisler thanked Mr. Peet for his "courageous words" and appealed to all the representatives of the Western press to break with the warmongers and tell the German people the truth about the dangers lying in Western imperialism.

When Mr. Peet said that his family in England would not be exposed to any threats as a result of his decision, Mr. Eisler interjected: "The British have not yet progressed as far as the Americans."

ADN, the East German (pro-Soviet) news agency, quoted Mr. Peet's statement in full.

According to this version, Mr. Peet declared that "the proud and independent British Empire now follows the slightest word from the American mouth."

WIFE SHOCKED

American warmongering, he declared, "threatens not only the Soviet Union and the People's Democratic Countries, but also the way to a changing my country, my England, into a powerless American colony."

Mrs. John Peet, the former Countess Christl Oudenius, said in Vienna today that she was "terribly shocked" when she heard the news of her husband's action in Berlin.

"So that is why he sent me away to Vienna," she said, adding: "We are getting a divorce anyway."

Mrs. Peet is staying with her parents in Vienna, together with her child by her first marriage. She was Mr. Peet's second wife.—Reuters.

"MENTAL STRESS"

Berlin, June 12.—Mr. Alfred Geiringer, Reuter's chief representative in Germany, said in a statement tonight: "John Peet had always been a completely objective correspondent in Berlin and until a few weeks ago had shown an equable temperament."

"Recently, however, he had seemed to be under some mental stress which his colleagues attributed to his serious domestic trouble and a recurrence of malaria from which he suffered in the Middle East."

"Whatever views he might have held privately, he never failed to seek and record objectively both the Allied and the Soviet attitudes every time the 'cold war' flared up in Berlin."

"Neither in his writing nor in conversation had he ever given any sign of sympathy for the Communist regime. He appreciated its good points but never glossed over what seemed to him to be bad."

"He was strongly attached to the cultural life of Berlin and particularly appreciated the theatre and music in the Soviet sector, which he regarded as of high quality"—Reuters.

Governor Goes On Leave

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham left by BOAC plane for the United Kingdom this morning. The Governor is taking his first leave since assuming his appointment here in 1947, and will spend some time in the United States. He and Lady Grantham are due back in October.

She's got Truman's goat



A very rare species of goat called "Acrimi," captured on a high Grecian mountain, was offered to Mr. Truman in acknowledgment of the American Aid programme for Greece. The "Acrimi" was sent to the United States by air. Photo shows: A Grecian girl, Agdiki Pipaki, playing with the "Acrimi" a few days before its flight to the U.S.A.

RUSSIANS KEEP UP BOYCOTT

Lake Success, June 12.—Russia and her Eastern European partners failed to show up today, as representatives of some 70 nations began a conference to launch the United Nations expanded programme of technical assistance to the world's underdeveloped areas.

Secretary General Trygve Lie, giving full credit to President Truman whose "Point Four" programme provided the impetus for expanding the United Nations project, told the delegates that the General Assembly "has declared that partisan political considerations shall not enter into the conduct of this programme in any way."

The Chinese Nationalist delegation, whose continued presence in the United Nations was given as the reason for the 21-week-old Soviet boycott of the world organisation, was in its place as the conference began.

But the Russians and their Communist colleagues were conspicuously absent. Poland, in demanding last week that Lie invite Mao Tse-tung's Chinese Communist regime, had indicated that the Soviet states would not attend the conference if the Nationalists were present.

It was the 33rd time that the Russians had exercised their boycott against a United Nations organ. It followed the same pattern the Kremlin decreed last winter when no Russian delegate showed up for the Trusteeship Council session in Geneva.

THE BEGINNING

After hearing Mr. Lie's opening address, the conference unanimously elected Dr. Herman Santa Cruz of Chile as its chairman.

Lie told the delegates that the technical assistance conference "is potentially one of the most significant ever called by the United Nations."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Every year I hafta spend more on Muriel's birthday present—I better make up my mind if I really am in love with her!"

Stanley has interest in Bon Marche

Paris, June 12.—Sidney Stanley, chief witness in the British government bribery investigation in 1948, today sidestepped questions about whether he was negotiating for the purchase of France's Bon Marche department store empire.

Stanley was reached at the Palais de Justice, where he went to press charges against two men he accused of trying to kidnap him last year after he had fled England.

Asked about reports that he was representing American business interests seeking to buy the department store, Stanley said: "I have taken over properties in much worse shape than the Bon Marche stores, refitted their stock and made them solvent."

"The Bon Marche organisation is fundamentally sound and under proper guidance could become one of the greatest commercial properties in Europe."

He refused, however, to confirm or deny reports that he personally was involved in the Bon Marche negotiations.—United Press.

CAUGHT!

Munich, June 12.—More than 4,000 persons were arrested as they tried to flee from the Soviet to the American Zone of Germany illegally during May, the Bavarian border police reported today.

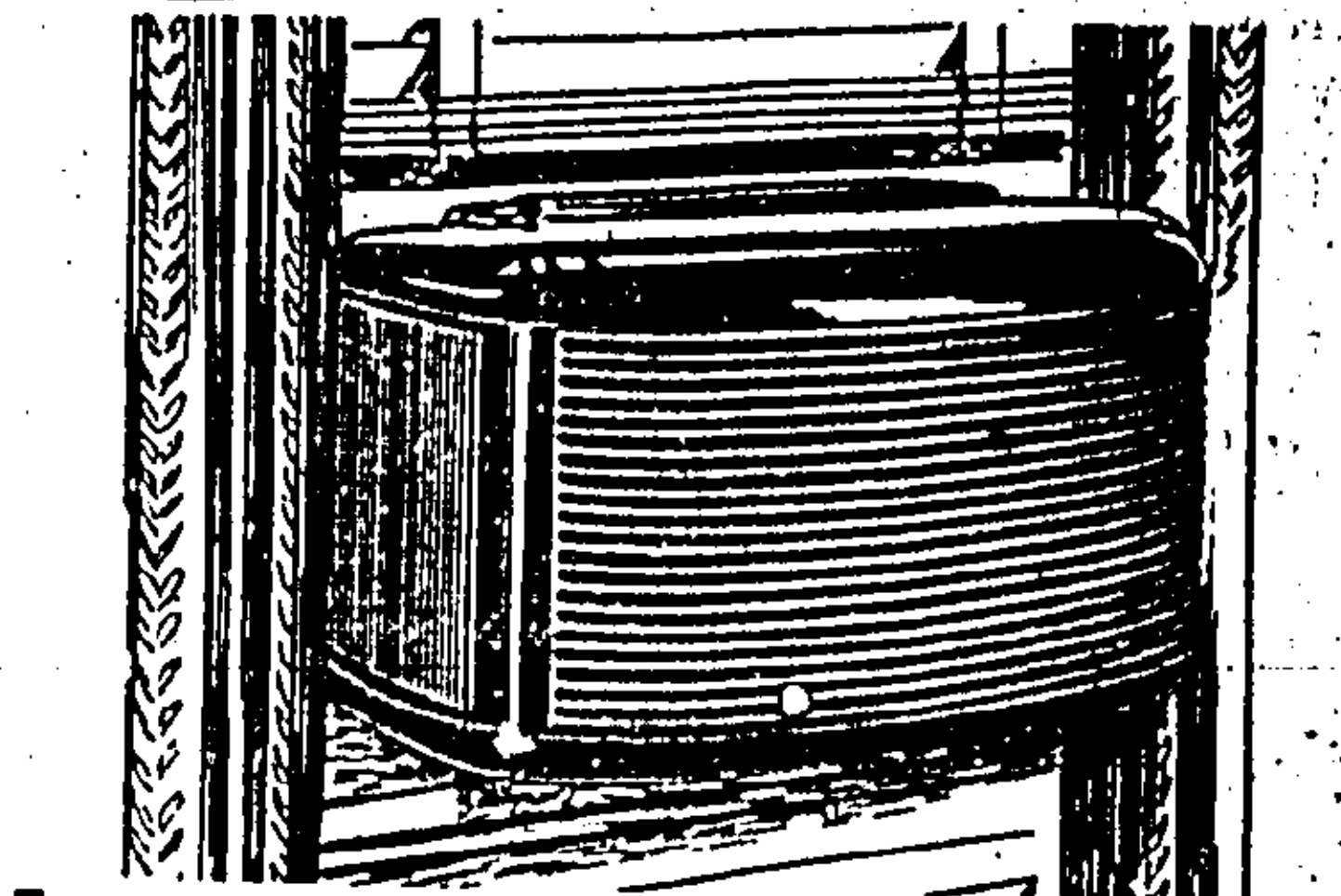
The police said the Bavarian authorities arrested 349 persons who sought to leave the United States Zone illegally. Many of the latter presumably tried to enter the Russian Zone to take part in the Whitman rally in Berlin.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

11.15 P.M. "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.02, Manlovi and His Orchestra; 6.20, Organ Solo by Dr. G. D. Cunningham; 6.30, Cantonese by Radio-Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan & S. K. Lee Brothers; 6.50, Songs by the Mills Orchestra; 7.15, "Letter from America"—By Allstar Cooke (London Relay); 7.30, Stage and Screen Favourites—By Allstar Cooke (London Relay); 8.00, World News and News Analysis—London Relay; 8.15, "Box 200"—Bert Gillette at the Hammond Organ; 8.30, Gilbert and Sullivan—Excerpts from "Iolanthe"; 9.00, "From the Editorials"—(London Relay); 9.10, Weather Report; 9.15, Piano Recital by Susan Hensch (Studio); 9.30, Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; 9.40, "It's a Wonderful Time" with Alvino Ray and His Orchestra; 10.10, "The Story of Tristan Da Cunha"—A Feature Programme About the Loneliest Island in the World (BBC); 10.40, Oriental Fantasy; 11.00, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Weather Report; 11.30, "Goodnight Music"; God Save the King; 11.35, Close Down.

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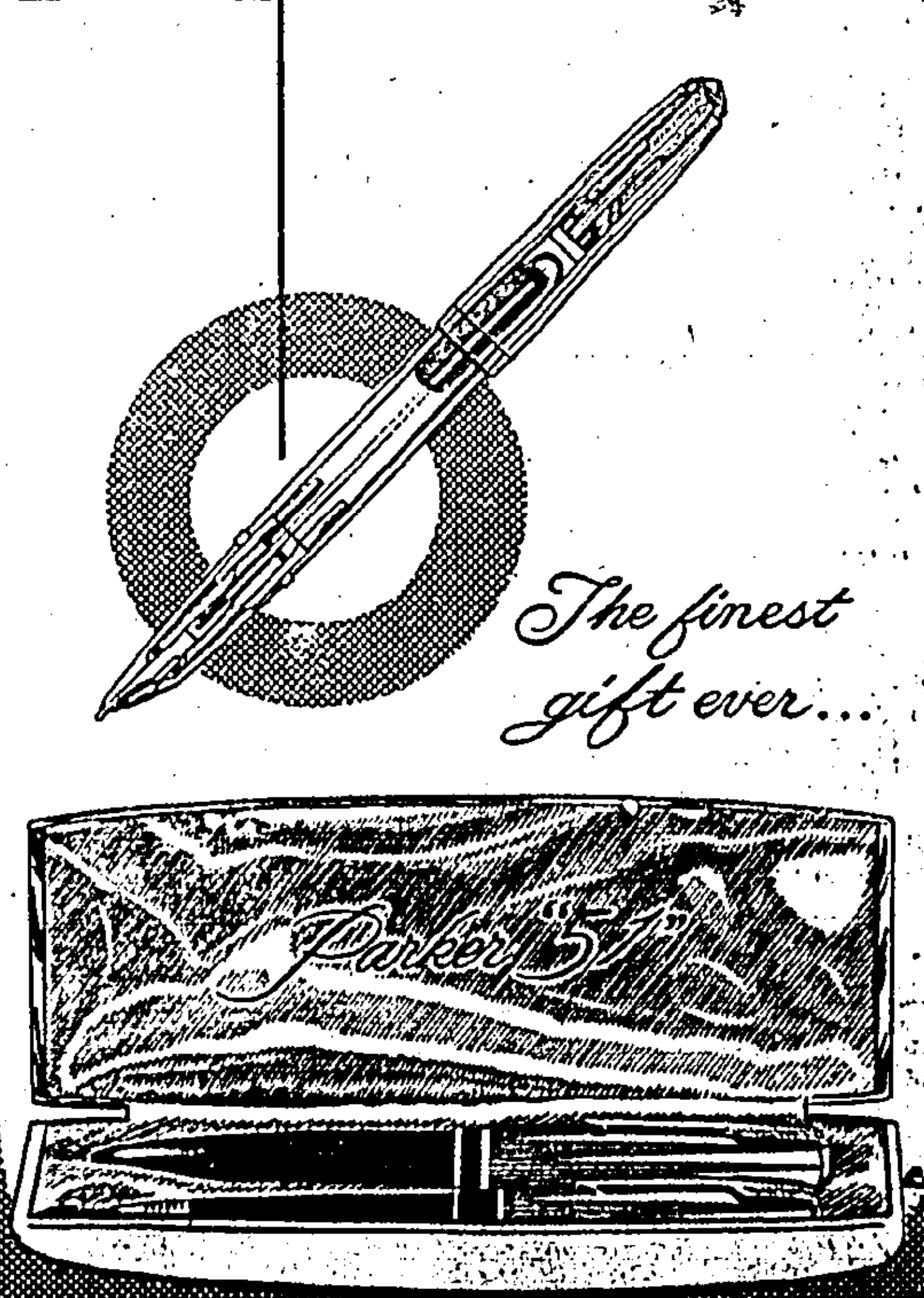
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SPIRITED BATTLES FOR FIRST INNINGS POINTS IN COUNTY MATCHES

London, June 12.—A double century, a bowling hat-trick and several spirited battles for first innings points, which included one tie, marked today's play in the English County Cricket programme.

Charlie Harris, 41-year-old Notts opening bat, who on Saturday against Hampshire recorded his first century of the season, today continued the knock and was undefeated with 239 runs when the Notts innings closed.

He hit two fives and 31 fours while batting nearly eight hours. It was the highest score in his 22 years of first-class cricket.

The second hat-trick of the season was performed by A. E. Rhodes, 33-year-old Derbyshire spinner, who claimed the wickets of three University batsmen in three balls at Oxford.

A scoreboard error led to a drama at Worcester, when the Worcestershire first innings ended against Yorkshire. The board showed 237 runs, one behind the Yorkshire total, but the scorers discovered an additional extra and it brought the scores level.

FIRST INNINGS TIE

This meant that should the match finish decisively the losing side would gain two points for a first innings tie and in the event of a draw each side would get two points.

There had been only two previous instances of a first innings tie since the scoring system was revised before the 1946 season.

E. Leadbeater, young Yorkshire left-breaker, claimed eight Worcestershire wickets for just over 10 runs apiece.

Fine leg-break bowling by Jim Sims, who is 40, followed Lancashire's bid for first innings points over Middlesex, but they were only six runs behind, were only six runs behind, Sims took five wicket for 60 runs.

Alan Moss, young Middlesex bowler, claimed his first County wicket—and a good one too, for he had Cyril Washbrook, the England opening bat, leg-before.

UNUSUAL ROLE

When Kent lost their eighth wicket at Gravesend, they were still 24 runs behind Somerset's first innings total. Douglas Wright, the England spin bowler, was then seen in the unusual role of batsman, and he and Midgway carried the score past Somerset before Ridgway fell. Wright went on to make 43 not out.

Northamptonshire looked to be in trouble against Surrey at the Oval, when they lost half their side for 48 runs, but a shrewd partnership between Brown and Davis led to Northamptonshire taking first innings points.

Warwickshire, the leaders, made a determined bid to win at top Leicestershire's big total in the first County match to be played at Coalville in 37 years.

CLOSE-OF-PLAY SCORES

The following are the close of play scores:
At Lords: Middlesex 263 and 116 for three (Brown 73). Lancashire 257.
At the Oval: Surrey 221 and 471 for five, Northamptonshire 280.

At Oxford: Derbyshire 206 and 100 for four (Elliott 50). Oxford University 216.
At Cambridge: Free Foresters 74 and 240 for five (Valentine 67, Allen 61). Cambridge University 302 for nine declared.

At Gravesend: Somerset 250 and 335 for six (Gimblett 161). Kent 303.

At Worcester: Yorkshire 230 and 193 for six (Coxon 50 not out). Worcester 208.

At Gloucester: Glamorgan 400 and 24 for two. Gloucestershire 531 (H. Graventy 115, Munster, right-arm off-spin bowler, six for 100).

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COMPTON BULLETIN

London, June 12.—Denis Compton, the Middlesex cricketer, has had all but two of the stitches removed from his right knee, following his recent operation. It is not yet certain when the remaining stitches will be removed. Compton is still unable to get about on the knee.—Reuter.

TEST MATCH

West Indians Never Looked Like Making A Fight Of It

Manchester, June 12.—England won their first home Test match since 1947 when the West Indies, offering only moderate resistance in the final stages, lost by 202 runs at Old Trafford.

The West Indies never looked like making a fight of it from the time that Christiani gave a simple catch to silly mid-off in the third over of the day.

The remaining batsmen hit out in desperation and even Stollmeyer, who batted so correctly on Saturday, was caught off a reckless stroke. The West Indies simply could not achieve the miracle performance which was needed for them to overcome the treacherous Old Trafford pitch.

STRUGGLE FOR RUNS
Whatever the views of the players on the difficulties of playing good cricket on turf from which the ball jumped and

turned sharply from the first day, there could be no doubt that the spectators thoroughly enjoyed watching the batsmen struggle for runs.

Stollmeyer stayed for three hours and 10 minutes and hit 10 fours in his fighting innings of 76, and Goddard remained undefeated and kept his end going while Hines Johnson, despite an injured side, hit a six and three fours in his 22.

Hollies, bowling from the end which gave greater assistance, took five wickets for 63 runs, and Berry had four wickets for 53 runs to round off a highly successful Test debut with nine wickets for 116 runs.

More than Berry's number of wickets, however, was the skill he showed in every phase of the bowling art.—Reuter.

FINAL SCORES
England, 1st Innings 312
West Indies, 1st Innings 216
England, 2nd Innings 248
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VOLLMER GOES TO RED SOX



Outfielder Clyde Vollmer, right, formerly with the Washington Senators, has been acquired by the Boston Red Sox in a trade for Tommy O'Brien and Merrill Combs. Here, Vollmer chats in Boston with his new boss, Manager Joe McCarthy of the Bosox.

Archie Quick On

TWO NEWCOMERS TO TEST CRICKET

Two 24-year-old cricketers were the only newcomers to force Test match recognition upon themselves for the opening game of the series against the West Indians at Old Trafford. They are men of complete contrast.

One is George Hubert Duggart, son of a famous father, a Light Blue, a batsman, tall and dark, and a Southerner from Sussex.

The other is Bob Berry, from a working-class Cheshire family, a slow left-arm bowler, short and fair and a northerner from Lancashire.

Duggart, now well on the way to becoming the Admirable Crichton of sport—the modern C. B. Fry—has played for Cambridge University at five sports—soccer, cricket, squash, golf and fives—and when he made his debut for Sussex at cricket he had the temerity to knock out 215 not out off the Lancashire bowling.

He also partnered John Dewes in a Varsity stand of 429. He is a very fine left-half at football, as is only fitting, seeing that his father was A. G. Duggart, the famous Corinthian.

BEING GROOMED?
He comes down from Cambridge after this season's Universities match in which he will skipper the Light Blues and will presumably assist Sussex in August.

He skipped the Rest in the Bradford fiasco and is among the lucky thirteen chosen for Manchester, so it is reasonable to conclude that he is being groomed for the Test vice-captaincy on the Australian tour, if not for the skipper's job itself should Yardley continue to fail with the bat.

I suppose also he will eventually follow James Langridge as Sussex captain, for his father has told me he could spare a year or two for cricket before getting down to the job of earning his living.

Apart from these two, however, youthful talent has not proved itself, and it is a commentary on present-day youngsters that Warwickshire's Tom Doolery (35) and Eric Hollies (37) not only got into the chosen thirteen, but it was desirable.

Add all that to the fact that Yardley, Edrich, Hutton, Bedford, Compton, Simpson and Evans are each 30 or more, and that it leaves only Laker and Bailey in the under 30 class. With Washbrook a casualty and Compton almost certainly one, I honestly cannot see who else should have been chosen, unless it were Royce Jenkins, of Worcester.

SURPRISE SIDE?
Knowledgeable cricket critics are saying that Warwickshire will be the surprise side of the season, as Worcestershire were last season, and Glamorganshire the season before that.

Field Of 29 For The Ascot Stakes

London, June 12.—A huge field of 29 is expected to go to the post for the Ascot Stakes, to be run over two and a half miles at the opening of the Royal meeting at Ascot tomorrow.

The race is timed to start at 2.45 p.m. GMT.

Probables and jockeys are as follows:

Aldeborough (F. Barlow), Monticola (R. Poincelot), Courador (A. Wragg), Cappellucci (E. Brit), Sarda (no jockey yet), Chancellor (E. C. Elliott), Strathpey (A. Bressley), Forethought (W. Nevett), Cider Apple (T. Witta), Honorable (Rae Johnstone), Father Thames (W. Rickaby), Blue Fox (Gordon Richards), White Cloud (R. Becher), Part Frere (G. Littlewood), Bonaparte (R. Shaw), Claude Duval (Eph Smith), Hilali (H. Packham), Priam (Douglas Smith), Legende d'Amour (N. White), Light Cavalry (A. Roberts), Le Hero (P. Evans), Damsel (J. Sirett), Turkish Head (James Doyle), Tarka (W. Smith), Atomic Power (R. Bradley), Eastern Saga (L. Piggott), Potent (J. Egan), Royaliste (D. Greening) and Guerrier (T. Mahon).—Reuter.

U.S. Athletes Win Easily At Belfast

Belfast, June 12.—Harrison Dillard, the United States Olympic sprint champion, tonight set up a Northern Ireland 100 yards record of 9.8 secs. here. He bent by a tenth of a second the record established last year by Charles Peters, of the United States.

Dillard, competing in the Royal Ulster Constabulary Athletics meeting, also won the 120 yards hurdles in 14.9 secs. Hugo Malocco, of the United States, broke the Irish 440 yards record. He won in 47.8 secs, seven-tenths of a second better than the previous best, made by another American, Dave Bolen, in Dublin last year.

R. McFarlane, of Canada, was second in this event. Bill Dwyer, who had run second to Dillard in the 100 yards, won the 220 yards for the United States in 22.4 secs.

The Northern Ireland mile record was broken by Len Eyre, the English International, who ran a cleverly judged race to beat H. Ashenfelter, of the United States, in 4 mins. 12.2 secs.

The United States squad shattered more Northern Ireland records later in the evening. Roscoe Brown won the 880 yards in 1 min. 55.2 secs. to beat by a fifth of a second the record made in 1930 by F.R. Handley of England.

The three-mile race was won by Ashenfelter in 14 mins. 16.4 secs, which was 13-5/8ths secs. faster than the record established last year by Steve McCooke, of Ireland.—Reuter.

MISRA REACHES THIRD ROUND

Bristol, June 12.—Surrent Misra, former All-Indian Lawn Tennis Champion, won two matches in the men's singles when the West of England Championships opened today.

In the first round he defeated D. Whitehead (England) by 6-1 and 6-1, and passed in the third round with 6-4 and 6-3 win over A. McPherson, another British player.—Reuter.

ON THE RECORD AMERICA IS GETTING RICHER IN MILERS

The outdoor athletic season in the United States—they call it track and field there—is noteworthy for the best crop of mile runners in a decade.

Fastest so far has been Fred Will, former University of Indiana star, with 4 minutes 5.5 seconds. Then comes Horace Ashenfelter, former Pennsylvania State College runner, with 4.07.5, followed by Jim Newcomb of the famed USC Trojans with 4.07.7, and Bob McMillen of Glendale, California, with 4.07.8.

Don Gehrmann, the University of Wisconsin star who shared indoor honours with Will, has done 4.10.2. Bill McGuire of the University of Missouri, 4.10.7, Bob Karnes of the University of Kansas, 4.10.7, and there are quite a number of others trailing up to 4.15.0.

Correspondingly, the times over the Two-Mile route, at which distance the Americans have never been too fast, are also good. Three runners broke 9 minutes in the event, the best being 8.57.7, and there have been two 9.02 performances outdoors—by McMillen and by the University of Michigan's star distance runner from Canada, Don McEwen, who has also turned in 4.11.7 for the Mile.

In the middle distance runs there have been no really outstanding times returned and generally speaking, though progress is being made, every year are a little lower in most events than they have been in the past two or three seasons.

Outside of the distance runs, it is the year of the long jumpers, shot and discus throwers. Individual bests in these events were set in the Shot Put, are off the best of previous seasons, but the general standard is high.

For example, to rank as one of America's ten best shot-putters, a performance of nearly 53 feet is called for. James Fuchs of Yale, the new world record holder in the event, has done 55 feet 5 1/2 inches. Ole Chandler of Stanford, 57 feet 4 1/2 inches. Stanley Lampert, of New York University, 55 feet 4 1/2 inches and Lew Davis, of Stanford, 54 feet 7 1/2 inches. There are a half-dozen 53-footers.

In the Discus Throw, Victor Frankes of Yale leads with 170 feet 2 inches, followed by his team-mate, Jim Fuchs, with 171 feet 8 inches and Earl Thompson, of the University of Minnesota, with 171 feet 8 inches. Seven others are comfortably over 160 feet, most of them over 165 feet.

In the Long Jump, Gaylord Bryan, of Stanford, Jim Holland, of Northwestern, and Jerome Bille, of Denver, are over 25 feet. Four others are over 24 feet 10 inches in what should rank as the best year for long jumpers in a decade.

In the Pole Vault, though Don Laz and Robert Richards, both of Illinois, were hovering about 15 feet in the indoor season, the outdoor meets have produced only six men over 14 feet, a sharp drop from the dozen and more in the past two or three years.

It is a poor year also for high jumpers. Virgil Severns of Kansas State and Jack Razzetto, of

San Diego State, have gone over 6 feet 8 1/4 inches, but beside another two 6 1/4-footers it is a very lean season.

The hurdlers, outside of USC's Dick Atlessey, claimant to the new world record for the 120 Yards High Hurdles at 13.5 seconds, are not in a class with the men who leaped the hurdles in last Olympic year.

The Big Nine Championships, for instance, was won by Russ Merkel of Iowa in 14.4 seconds. Two years ago that time would have hardly placed Merkel in the first five. The low hurdlers are fast compared by the standards of 10 years ago, but they have slowed down on the pace set in the past four years.

The sprinters are as fast as ever, with Charlie Parker of Texas turning in 9.4 seconds and 20 seconds flat for the Century and Furlong, but there isn't as much competition as there was. Neither of Parker's times are likely to enter the record books, both having been made with the help of a following wind.

The middle distance runners are many, but none of them world-beaters. There has been no flat performance faster than 47 seconds for 440 Yards, outside of Herb McKenley, but Tom Cox of Ilee Institute has a relay leg of 46.7 seconds with two New York University stars, Hugo Malocco and Reggie Peanman, doing 47.1 and 47.2 seconds, also on relay legs.

The Half Mile has not produced a single really fast runner, Bill Pruitt, also a USC Trojan, leading the field with 1 minute 52 seconds.

—“RECORDER”.

Women's AAA Insists On Discipline

London, June 12.—Two of Britain's international women sprinters, Sylvia Cheeseman and Doris Batten, both of London, will not be included in any women's Amateur Athletic Association team this year.

This decision, reached by a Committee of the Women's Association, followed a confidential report by Mrs Ruth Taylor, manager of the women's team in the Empire Games at Auckland, New Zealand, last February.

The two athletes were called before the Committee and told of the decision, which was reached because, in the words of the report, they had not been amenable to discipline on the voyage to New Zealand.

Mrs Hughes, the Association Secretary, said that they had not been suspended and are at liberty to run whenever they wish at any meetings in England but they will not be considered for any Association team during the track season.

Miss Cheeseman said that she will appeal against the decision because there are no grounds for alleging that they were amenable to discipline.—Reuter.

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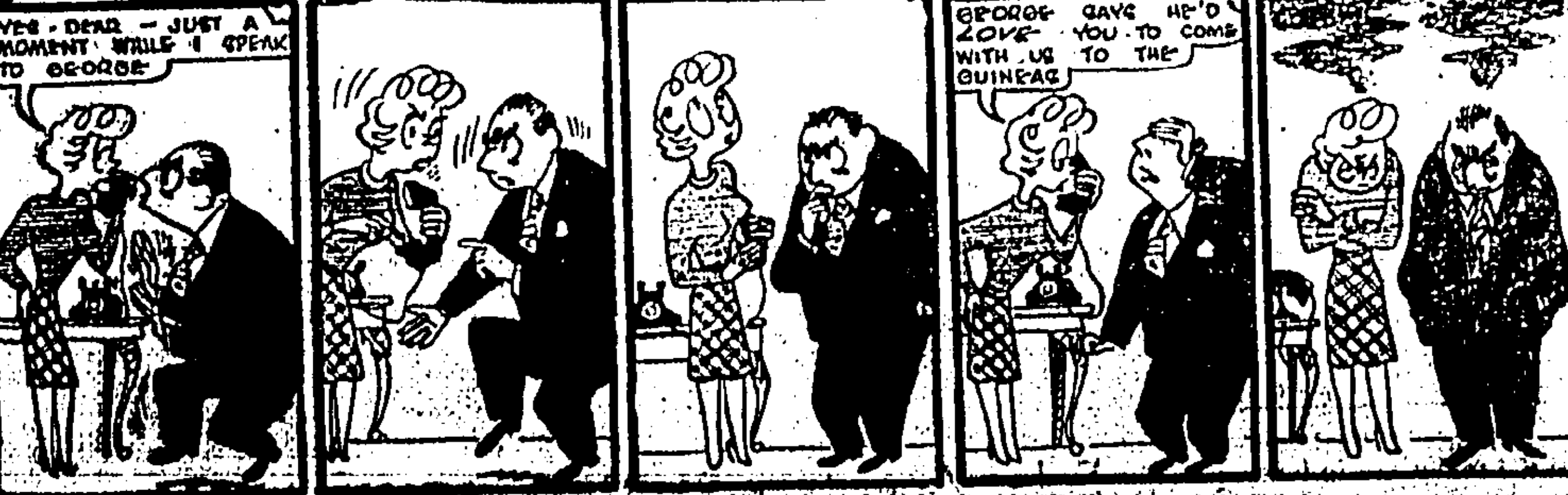
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By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

EVERY day this week I am going to remind you that in order to be a good card player, you must learn to count your tricks. When you take time out to count, you will find it surprisingly easy then to employ one of the many little gadgets that the expert has in his bag of tricks to help him make the contract.

In today's hand the opening lead of the queen of diamonds is won by declarer with the king, and now he starts to count. He has one club trick, two diamond tricks, and two heart tricks. This is five, so he must make four spade tricks for his contract.

The natural play is to lead the queen of spades, and when West covers with the ace in dummy. But you jeopardize the contract if you win the first spade trick, because if East holds four spades, you will then make only three spade tricks and go down one. Make a safety play by letting West hold the first spade trick with the king.

West will continue with another diamond, which you win with the ace. Now lead the five of spades, go up with the ace in dummy and cash the other three good spade tricks.

If the spades were divided 3-3 and you had gone up with dummy's ace at trick two, you could have made four or five, but the risk is too great and overtricks pay only 30 points.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What part of the eye is the iris?

2. What city is called the "City of Bells"?

3. From what ore is aluminium manufactured?

4. What is probably the oldest science?

5. How many times was Benjamin Disraeli Prime Minister of England?

6. What is Irving Berlin's native country?

(Answers on Page 8)

CROSSWORD

Across

1. The cloke you give a lift to? (4)

6. Ruler who brings the front back? (6)

9. Just a taste? (4)

10. Why leave early? (4)

11 and 12. Pickled cabbage dish? (10)

13. Burn with emotional fervour. (4)

14. Make the bar tick. (4)

15. To do it may mean misery. (8)

16. Indian prince. (4)

17. Team reformer. (4)

18. How I can become a murderer. (4)

19. This is as odd as it's singular. (3)

20. Sufficient to make me rue. (8)

21. We're O'clock. (4)

22. A change of taste. (6)

Down

1. The American state-plum. (9)

2. It is possible for me to be lovable. (7)

3. May only be a gateway. (6)

4. Taken from one examination. (6)

5. The mistake of the terrorist. (6)

6. A murderer. (4)

7. One end of a turban. (5)

8. Bright-colored, yellow-lavender. (6)

9. To consume. (5)

10. To the map it would harm. (3)

11. To put an end to a bolt. (8)

12. A source of annoyance. (9)

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DUMB BELLS

OUR BUTCHER MUST DO A LOT OF READING WHENEVER HE SENDS A BILL HE STARTS OFF WITH "ON GOING THROUGH MY BOOKS"



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

If you are born today, impulse rather than reason is likely to guide your life. Since your intuitions are keen, you must learn to follow their mandates carefully. On the other hand, you have a high degree of determination, and once you get your teeth into a job which you want accomplished, you will finish it. But if you lack interest in a project, no prodding will get you even started.

The stars have given you a diversity of talents and it is up to you to discover the one which can bring you the most happiness. You have magnetic selections of close friends is wise, for you are inclined to be influenced by them.

You will want a home of your own as soon as you leave the protection of your own parents.

You crave love and attention. Marriage and having your own family will give this to you in fullest measure. You will make a fine parent and will bring happiness to all who surround you.

Although you are ingenious and individual in your ideas, you sometimes lack the aggressiveness to assert yourself independently. Mentally you are a leader, but your actions often appear to belie this characteristic. Develop your ability to do what you think—success will come more quickly.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Be optimistic and you will make important progress. Art and literature as well as social aspects are important.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Keep the status quo this morning. Be ready for a new adventure, this afternoon. Good for romance.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Stick to routine this morning. Then swing into activity and make up for any time lost lately.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Cheerfulness can overcome minor difficulties today. Be sure you are right. Then go ahead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Stick to routine and clear your desk this morning. In the evening attend a lecture, perhaps.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A conservative day. Don't attempt to force issues this morning. Afternoon and evening are best.

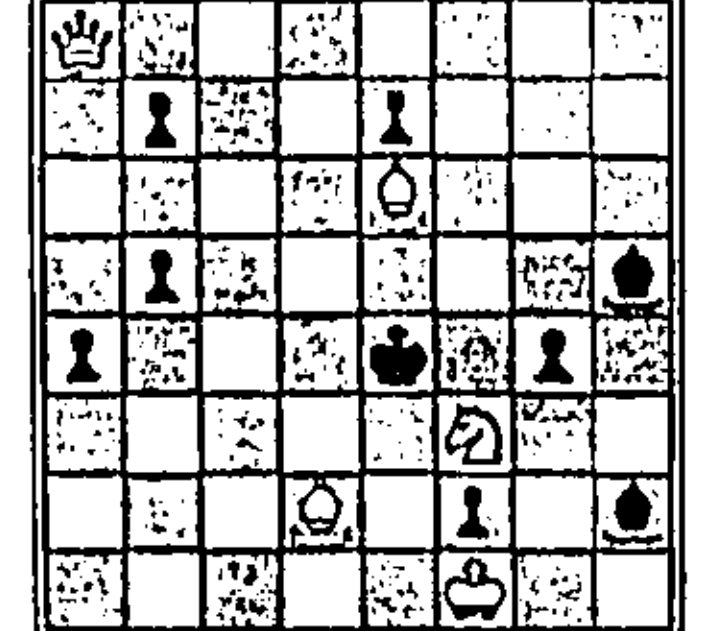
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Patience is needed to handle this morning's problems. Pay a visit this evening, perhaps.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Stick to factual matters.

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. HAVELKA

Black 9 pieces.



White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt—R7, any; 2. Q, or Kt (dbl ch) mates.

INTELLIGENCE TEST.

Diddleham's dip

By T. O. HARE

I DON'T really mind with

Vital. I don't seem to have

less enough plan, Doctor—and

we're certainly short of funds.

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Two hundred and eighty,"

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